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ROCKLIKE DEFENCE SHATTERS NAZI ATTACKS Infantry And Tanks Hurlled Back Again And Again LINE NOWHERE PENETRATED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

FIGHTING MAGNIFICENTLY AGAINST ODDS OF THREE TO ONE BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TROOPS, HEROICALLY SUPPORTED BY THE GREEKS, CONTINUED YESTERDAY TO THROW BACK EVERY GERMAN ASSAULT ON THEIR LINES WITH SEVERE LOSSES.

When the full tale can be told, say correspondents who have toured the front areas, the tremendous battle raging along the 150-mile line from Mount Olympus to Chimarra in Albania will go down as one of the greatest defences in military history.

GERMAN LOSSES IN DESPERATE ATTACKS, TANK AND INFANTRY, HAVE BEEN APPALLING. SOME ESTIMATES PLACE THE TOTAL AS HIGH AS 80,000 KILLED AND 120,000 WOUNDED. THE ATHENS CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY EXPRESS" PLACES THE DEAD AT 50,000 AS A MINIMUM. MEN HAVE BEEN THROWN INTO THE BATTLE WITH RECKLESS PRODIGALITY BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND AND SOME OF THE PASSES ARE PILED SIX AND SEVEN DEEP WITH GERMAN DEAD.

HITLER DIRECTING OPERATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Hitler is now at German General Headquarters in the Balkans, says a Berlin report picked up in New York.

Hitler is said to have been "personally directing" the operations for the past week.—International News Service.

TROOPS LAND AT BASRA

It was officially announced in London yesterday that strong Imperial forces have arrived at Basra to open up lines of communication through Iraq, in accordance with the terms of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty of Alliance.

THE NEW IRAQI ADMINISTRATION, TRUE TO THE INITIAL ASSURANCES GIVEN BY SAYID RASHID AL GAILANI, ARE AFFORDING FULL FACILITIES AND HAVE SENT A HIGH OFFICER TO BASRA TO WELCOME THE BRITISH OFFICER COMMANDING AND TO COLLABORATE WITH HIM IN MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS.

A warm welcome has been given to the Imperial troops by the local population, who have happy memories of British and Indian troops from the last war. The cooperation of the Iraqi authorities in the execution of these movements has made a favourable impression in London, and leads to the hope that more normal relations between the two countries may soon be established.—Reuter.

GERMAN PRISONERS REACH BOMBAY

The first batch of 17 German prisoners from the Middle East have arrived in Bombay. The prisoners, four of whom are officers, have been sent to detention camp.—Reuter.

The bloodiest fighting is occurring in the Saronopon Pass, south-west of Mount Olympus, on the right flank of the British front, where the main allied line has now taken up a more easily defensible position, with the Australians defending the Pass.

GERMAN SHOCK TROOPS

German shock troops have carried out almost continuous assaults, but have been shattered under close-range artillery fire. Seldom has the fighting reached the stage of hand-to-hand combat.

Australian veterans are holding back at least 10 German divisions of 150,000 men, whose losses have been extremely severe. The Australians still hold the Pass.

Experts state that failure of the violent German assaults is not due to lack of careful planning or skilful execution, but to the cool bravery and determination of the defenders.

Hundreds of German tanks are reported to have been destroyed, and the total of prisoners is mounting rapidly.—International News Service.

NOWHERE PENETRATED

"THE Imperial forces are in contact along the whole front," stated an official announcement issued from Headquarters of the British Forces in Greece yesterday.

"Heavy attacks by armoured formations and infantry have been repulsed and many prisoners taken. Enemy casualties are severe.

"Austrian prisoners, whose morale is low, complain of the violence of our air attacks on convoys and troops on the march.

"DESPITE ALL EFFORTS OUR FRONT NOWHERE HAS BEEN PENETRATED AND OUR FLANKS NOWHERE TURNED.

"The Greek Army, which has been cooperating on our left, is playing a valuable part." — Reuter.

The Greek and British forces near Mount Olympus have turned back enemy tanks and infantry time after time.

The Allied forces are outnumbered three to one. German losses are enormous.

Severe Punishment

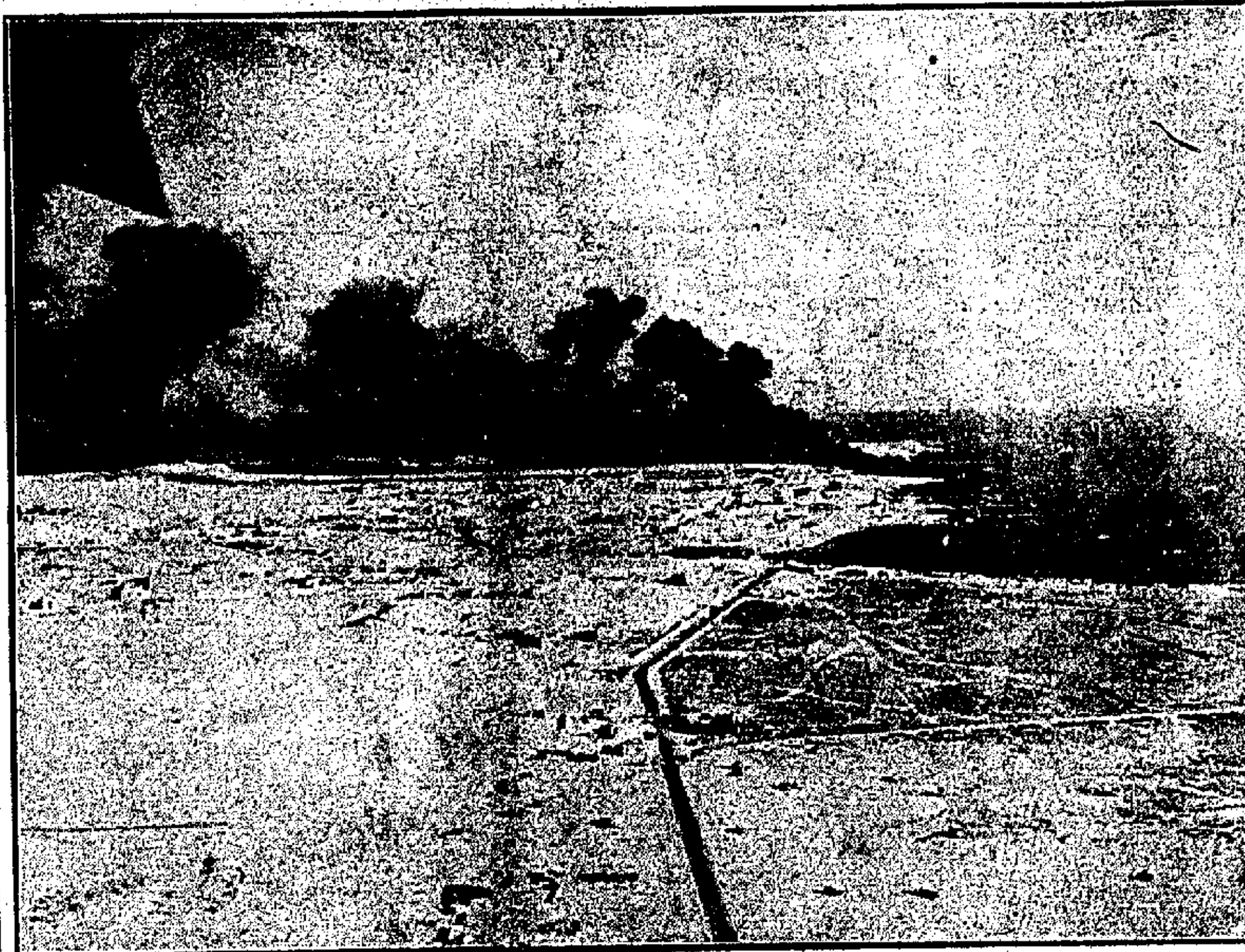
Very fierce fighting continues all along the 150-mile front from Mount Olympus to the Chimarra region of Albania, says Reuter's special correspondent in Greece.

British Imperial troops and their Greek allies are putting up a very formidable resistance at all points.

The Imperial troops are giving the enemy very severe punishment in killed and prisoners.—Reuter.

Greek Communique

The latest Greek G.H.Q. communique states: "Enemy pressure



Tobruk, captured by the Imperial forces on January 21, and the scene yesterday of sharp hand-to-hand fighting. The aerial view shows petrol burning as British forces moved to occupy the town.

REFUSED TO JOIN AXIS

That Russia in November refused an offer to join the Axis Pact, was revealed by the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" yesterday.

The refusal led to renewed negotiations for Soviet-Japanese agreement, the paper says, but Russia refused to sign a non-aggression agreement.

The new pact with Japan, the paper declared, is not directed against Germany.

Russian policy is completely independent of foreign influence and depends on the Soviet people, Soviet interests and peace.—Reuter.

RESPITE FROM NIGHT ATTACK

A communique on enemy night air activity over Britain on Friday states: "In the early part of the night there was a little activity over South-West England and North Scotland. Very few bombs were dropped. They did little damage and caused no casualties. Otherwise there has been nothing to report during the night."—British Wire-

VICHY INTERNAL CONFLICT

The German successes in the Balkans have given supporters of Franco-German collaboration a new impulse, but rumours early this week that Pierre Laval is returning to the Vichy Government are unconfirmed.

Political observers consider that Admiral Darlan is unwilling to see Laval return to the Vichy Cabinet because, though sympathising with Laval's policy, he is very ambitious and not anxious to share power with a dangerous rival.

The German-controlled Paris press urges Admiral Darlan not to delay long openly to side with Germany.

ACCORDING TO THE "ZUERCHER NACHRICHTEN," HOWEVER, "ANOTHER ADMIRAL IN VICHY HAS A DECISIVE WORD TO SAY."

"The United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, has two impressive arguments, namely French anxiety about famine and a reminder about the French gold at Martinique."—Reuter.

Axis Parley

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") High officials predicted in Rome yesterday that either Mussolini or Count Ciano will be leaving for Berlin within the next few days for talks with Hitler.

The talks will embrace the partitioning of Yugoslavia, it was stated.

It is also expected that the Axis chiefs will also discuss the Greek situation, and officials, putting out a kite for Greek observation, state that the Axis powers are inclined to deal with Greece generously in case of a surrender, because Greek resistance has aroused the admiration of the Axis.—International News Service.

BATTLE DRAMA: REVEALING EPISODE

A DETACHMENT OF AUSTRALIANS, SURROUNDED BY GERMAN INFANTRY, KILLED 300 AND CAPTURED 150 IN 15 MINUTES. THE PRISONERS, WHO WERE MOSTLY VIENNESE, SAID THEY DID NOT WISH TO FIGHT THE BRITISH AND HAD OBJECTED TO BEING CALLED UP.

They stated "The Germans paraded us and shot about 30 as an example to the others." These Viennese were led by German officers, several of whom were found shot in the back after the engagement.

Captured Germans highly praise the fighting qualities of the Greek and Imperial troops.

"It is real war, fighting against the Anzacs," admitted captured motorised troops of a panzer division.

Others affirmed that the Allied machine-gun and artillery fire was very accurate and was inflicting terrible casualties.

"Adolf Hitler" Has Enough

Since the first knock was given to it by the Australians, the "Adolf Hitler" Regiment has not appeared again in the front line.

OTHER PRISONERS ADMITTED THE GERMANS WERE FINDING THE COUNTRY

HEAVY ATTACKS ON TOBRUK SHATTERED

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THE ITALO-GERMAN FORCES HAMMERING AT THE DEFENCES OF TOBRUK HAVE SUSTAINED TERRIFIC LOSSES IN HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING, ACCORDING TO MILITARY QUARTERS IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

These circles state that the Axis drive on Suez has already been broken, and add that during the last 48 hours tons of shells have been poured from British naval units into the Italo-German lines.—International News Service.

In Libya (says yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo, quoted by Reuter) British patrols in the Tobruk area have vigorously harassed the enemy.

At Sollum, British mobile columns successfully engaged an enemy advance, destroying a number of vehicles, including an armoured car.

Elsewhere in the sector British offensive patrols have again inflicted casualties on the enemy.

Dessie Delay

In Abyssinia damage to the main road is again delaying the movement of the British columns converging on Dessie.

Further south the British advance in all areas is progressing satisfactorily and many additional prisoners have been taken.—Reuter.

200 Casualties

The Axis troops attacked Tobruk in a new sector on Tuesday afternoon, a correspondent in Cairo revealed yesterday, when they switched the assault to the westerly perimeter.

Some 300 infantry, mainly Italians with a sprinkling of Germans broke through the outer defences. Two hundred were killed or taken prisoner and the remainder withdrew.—Reuter.

British Initiative

There are no further reports from North Africa that the German push has been carried further.

In Washington, Lord Halifax said we had stabilised the advance and the initiative now rested with the British forces.—Reuter.

CONSTANT AIR ATTACK

The R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. continuously attacked enemy mechanised units and troop concentrations in Cyrenaica on Friday, it was announced in an official R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

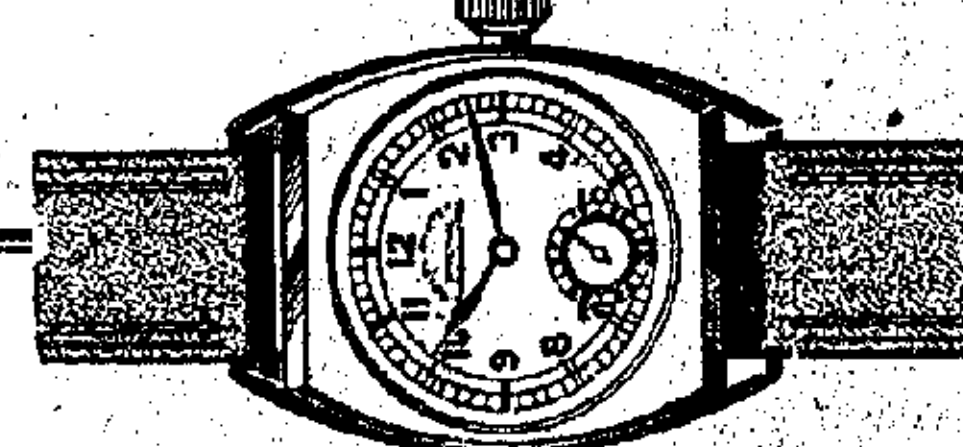
Many vehicles were destroyed or damaged, including some containing ammunition.

On other fronts British aircraft continued to harass the enemy. South African fighter aircraft successfully machine-gunned Kombeila aerodrome, in East Africa. Seven Italian aircraft were destroyed on the ground by fire.

Sciaselema aerodrome was also attacked and a Caproni bomber damaged in a previous raid, destroyed.

From all these operations one British plane is missing.—Reuter.

The funeral of Dr. Koritsis, the Greek Premier who died on Friday, took place in Athens Cathedral yesterday.—Reuter.



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BRITAIN FAR TOO HEAVY A TASK FOR HITLER

COLONEL KLEEN, writing in the Stockholm "Vecko-Journalen" yesterday, declared that the British Empire had the initiative since December, 1940, but now the Germans have again taken the initiative.

The work was divided between Germany and Italy so that Germany could deal with Britain in the Atlantic while Italy dealt with Britain in the Mediterranean.

Thailand Charges

Tension again gripped the Thai-Indo-China border this week as French troops allegedly staged incursions into Thai territory, the Thai press reported, according to a Japanese source.

The Japanese-sponsored armistice on April 31 brought about the cessation of the two-month old border hostilities.

Border clashes took place early this week with French Indo-China troops surrounding incidents. Thai press reports from the border area claimed:

These reports state that clashes occurred in the Vientiane, Siem-reap and Siam provinces, where most of the Thai forces withdrew after the conclusion of the Franco-Thai mediation conference at Tokyo on March 11, 1941.

CHINESE WEDDINGS

Two Chinese weddings took place yesterday afternoon at St. Teresa's Church, the Rev. Fr. A. Granelli officiating.

Arriving on her father's arm, Miss Louise Chan was married to Mr. Raymond Ho, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ho Cheung, of No. 8, Wing Hing Street.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Chan Yip-yu, manager of the Feng-shan Ice-cream Manufacturing Company. The bridegroom is the proprietor of the company.

Witnessed by Mr. C. D'Almeida, the well-known solicitor, Miss Mary Lo, of No. 1012, Canton Road, was married to Mr. Paul Anthony Tam, of No. 30, Elgin Street.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lo Lam-shu, and the bridegroom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tam Huk-ping.

FOUND TROUBLE

Chan Shu-chun, 34, married woman, of Temple Street, was fined \$25 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon yesterday, for not notifying the S.C.A. of the possession of a "ward," a 7-year-old girl.

Inspector W. H. Fraser said the woman reported at Mongkok Police Station on Friday that she had been beaten up, and said she was afraid the girl would also be assaulted.

The police visited the premises and found that the girl was a cousin's adopted daughter having been presented to her several years ago in the country.

FASHION PARADE AT THE PALACE



Some mannequins visited Buckingham Palace the other day to show Her Majesty the Queen the models from the London Fashion Collection which is going to South America for display in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and San Paulo. Photo shows the mannequins leaving Buckingham Palace following their visit. (Copyright, Fox.)

MR. MATSUOKA'S PACT SOMETHING FOR NOWT

Open To Axis Treaty Criticism

FROM THE JAPANESE standpoint the agreement signed in Moscow seems open to precisely the same criticism which had been directed in Japan against the Tripartite Pact — that Japanese diplomacy has again been induced to give something for nothing.

This is the comment made by "The Times" on the Neutrality Pact concluded by Mr. Matsuoka on the eve of his departure from Moscow, the paper adding that "the main provision of the pact — that each party will maintain neutrality if the other becomes the object of military operations — seems primarily advantageous to Moscow."

Developing this argument, the paper says that nobody believes that Japan would become the "object of military operations" on the part of any Power unless she herself deliberately and wantonly provoked them.

On the other hand Russia was bound to reckon with the continuing threat of an attack on her territory. She now has a formal promise from Japan to remain neutral in such an event.

Opportune

This promise has come opportunistically at the moment when the Soviet leaders have been alive to some of the hazards of a purely passive foreign policy, while betraying the growing uneasiness at the growing development of Hitler's Eastern policy.

But the source states that the uneasiness will be assuaged by Japan's vaguely defined obligations to the Axis do not include participation in any action against the Soviet.

But the Pact will bring no corresponding alleviation of the anxiety of Japanese statesmen — the inability of the Japanese army to bring to end the four-year-old China incident.

Berlin Cold

The paper adds that "whatever the implications of this new pact, it has clearly not drawn Russia into closer sympathy with the Axis policy. Indeed it is received with some coldness in Berlin."

ON \$2,000 BAIL

A well-dressed Chinese woman, Cheung Mo, alias Chan Cheung Mo, and a 20-year-old youth, Tam Kai-hung, were charged before H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, with unlawful possession of a wireless transmitting apparatus at No. 120, Wing Lok Street, third floor.

The case was adjourned for a week, on bail of \$2,000 each. Mr. D. W. Waterton, of the General Post Office, is in charge of the case.

AN A.R.P. DANCE

A DANCE, GIVEN BY THE OFFICERS OF THE UPPER LEVELS DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG CORPS OF AIR RAID WARDENS, WAS HELD AT THE CLUB LUSITANO LAST NIGHT.

The Middlesex Regiment Band was in attendance, and at midnight a buffet supper was served before the function concluded.

There were over 300 Warden, and guests present, among the latter being officials of the Air Raid Precautions Department, and officers of other Divisions of the Corps.

EMERGENCY UNIT CALLED OUT

The Emergency Police Unit was called out at 6.30 a.m. yesterday to quell a gang fight at the Po Tak Wharf.

One man sustained injuries and was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

The fight resulted from an argument between rival coolie gangs over the question of unloading cargo from the s.s. Kwai Tung.

A.F.S. DINNER

Dressed in their official uniform, over 100 members of the Auxiliary Fire Service, attended the organization's annual dinner at Hotel Cecil last night.

Among the guests were officials of the regular Fire Brigade, and many others.

SINGAPORE DEFENCE TALKS

Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador to China, who has been in Singapore for the past week, left for Chungking yesterday.

Sir Archibald has held important conferences with Sir Robert Brooke-Popham (Commander-in-Chief, Far East), Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton (Commander-in-Chief, China Station), and Sir Shenton Thomas (Governor of the Straits Settlements).

In the conferences the Ambassador has received a comprehensive picture of plans for all-round defence in this part of the world in the event of a crisis.

He also discussed matters of common interest to China and Britain with Dr. Philip Yau, special representative of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and visited an R.A.F. fighter squadron in whose American Brewster Buffalo fighters he displayed the keenest interest. — Reuter.

FAREWELL PARTY

Flying undergraduates, members of the Far East Flying School Students' Union, gathered at Cafe Windsor yesterday afternoon, to bid farewell to three colleagues who have obtained their diplomas.

The function took the form of a tea-dance party, and the guests included Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, Director of the Far East Flying Training School, Mr. W. F. Dudeney, Manager, and Flight-Lieutenant M. Oxford.

Mr. George Hoi, President, on behalf of the Union, said: "We shall miss their companionship but we are glad that they are going out into the world to start new lives in which we wish them happiness, success, and the best of luck."

TURKISH NON-AGGRESSION PACT RUMOURS

The Istanbul newspaper "Tan" yesterday warned its readers against rumours spread by the Nazis following the departure to Berlin of the German Ambassador, von Papen, that Germany is offering to sign a non-aggression pact with Turkey. — Reuter.

JAPANESE RAID BURMA RD.

FLYING FAR INTO YUNNAN PROVINCE, FORMATIONS OF JAPANESE ARMY AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFUL RAIDS ON MENTZIE AND KIENSU, KEY POINT ON THE CHUNGKING SUPPLY ROUTE, HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE FORCES IN INDO-CHINA ANNOUNCED.

The formations which attacked Kiensu dropped high explosives on a number of military establishments there, scoring direct hits, the announcement stated, while units which raided Mentzie not only bombed but machine-gunned heavily, inflicting damage.

The announcement added that all planes returned safely to base. — Reuter.

ALLEGED HARBOURING

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Chau Wei-chan, 18, spinster, Yick Sze, 64, widow, and Ip Hung, 24, flower seller, were charged with harbouring an unmarried female, Yuen Yuet-chan, 16, at No. 2, Woh Ning Lane, ground floor on Thursday last.

It was alleged that the accused were keeping the girl without the consent of the girl's mother.

Defendants pleaded not guilty. Hearing was fixed for Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

AMBULANCE DRESSER ACCUSED

An ambulance dresser, Suen Fu-shun, 25, of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, with embezzlement of \$8.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes asked for 48 hours' remand for further enquiries.

Bail of \$500 was allowed.

CARS COLLIDE

Mrs. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton's private car, No. 3244, was involved in a collision with taxi No. 562 shortly after midnight yesterday.

According to Tsang Kwok-choy, driver of the taxi, the accident occurred in Gap Road. Neither vehicle was seriously damaged.

U.S. Aid Alarming Germany

The growing apprehension in Germany over United States increased help to Great Britain is mirrored in violent attacks in leading German newspapers on President Roosevelt, Mr. Henry Stimson and Col. Frank Knox.

They are accused by the Nazi press of "provoking" Germany. The United States' real attitude was revealed to the German public for the first time by the New York correspondent of the German weekly newspaper "Das Reich."

He writes: "During the last few days it has been clear that the United States is using its own means to send help to Great Britain in two directions which cut directly into the war zone. 'Firstly, across the Atlantic to Great Britain, and secondly, into the Red Sea.'

"President Roosevelt has made it clear that he will in no way allow Great Britain to go under. 'The great majority of Americans desire maximum help for Britain, including the President, who has the last word.' — Reuter.

CHELSEA G.O.M. KILLED

St. Paul's Cathedral will be closed to the public for some time as the result of being hit in a recent enemy air raid on London.

This new bomb came through the sacristy dome over the North Transept and the explosion blew a great hole into the crypt.

Masonry was flung about, damaging statuary and pitting the walls but, so far as is at present known, the main fabric was unharmed. Practically all the windows throughout the Cathedral have been destroyed by blast.

Other notable buildings damaged by recent bombing are the City Temple, the headquarters of the Congregationalists, which has been burnt out, Guy's Hospital, Chelsea, Royal Hospital, and Chelsea Old Church, and among well-known landmarks, Selridge's, the Oxford Street store, Maple's, the furniture and furnishing firm, and Christie's, the famous art auction rooms.

AT CHELSEA ROYAL HOSPITAL, AGED 101, WAS KILLED. — BRITISH WIRELESS

YUGOSLAV SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

M. Ristic, Yugoslav Minister to the United States, declared in Washington yesterday that Yugoslavia is making 120,000 tons of Yugoslav shipping in the United States. Central and South America available to Britain. — Reuter.

22 DEAD IN COMMUNAL RIOTS

The death toll in the communal rioting between Hindus and Muslims at Ahmedabad has now reached 22, while 200 have been injured, many of whom have been taken to hospital. — Reuter.

THIRTEEN NAZI 'PLANES SHOT DOWN

Thirteen German aircraft have been shot down in Greece in the past three days. Four British planes were lost but the pilots of two are safe. — Reuter.

ONLY 8,000 BRITONS IN H.K.

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

The number of Chinese nationals recorded in the recent semi-official census taken by the Air Raid Precautions Department total 1,420,629 (including 154,000 boatfolk), against 7,982 Britons (exclusive of naval and military establishments) and 396 Americans, according to statistics obtained from official quarters by the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

The total number of residents on the Island and Kowloon taken is recorded at 1,444,307 (including the floating population) — 709,264 of which are on the Island and 581,043 in Kowloon.

A classified table follows:—

Nationality	Hong Kong	Kowloon
Americans	139	257
British	5,542	2,440
Chinese	697,674	568,935
European	633	2,272
Indian	3,342	4,037
Portuguese	705	2,157
Miscellaneous	1,169	926
Totals	709,264	581,043

(The estimated population of the New Territories is between 120,000 and 150,000.)

MONGKOK ARREST

Within half an hour of an alleged attempt to rob a 55-year-old resident of No. 138, Portside Street, Ngo Gee Wo, at 8.35 p.m. last night, a Chinese found himself in the Mongkok Police Station cell.

The man was arrested by a constable and pedestrian after, it is alleged, he relieved the victim of his money on the staircase leading to his flat.

U.S. SCIENTISTS LAUD YEAST VITAMIN AID FOR CONSTIPATION

NEW YORK, SPECIAL.—Here is news that is important to everyone who suffers from ordinary constipation!

Scientists now say intestinal nerves must have rich amounts of certain vitamins to be well and strong. When these are missing, the muscles of these nerves control grow slack—and this condition causes constipation.

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Strengthened weakened intestinal nerves by giving them added amounts of vitamins they need. That is a splendid way to help overcome this type of constipation. Eat the amazing food that gives you rich amounts of these vitamins. See it eating two cakes of Fleischmann's Yeast every day—one cake before any two meals, plain or in warm water—doesn't give you the same real relief from constipation that it has given others!

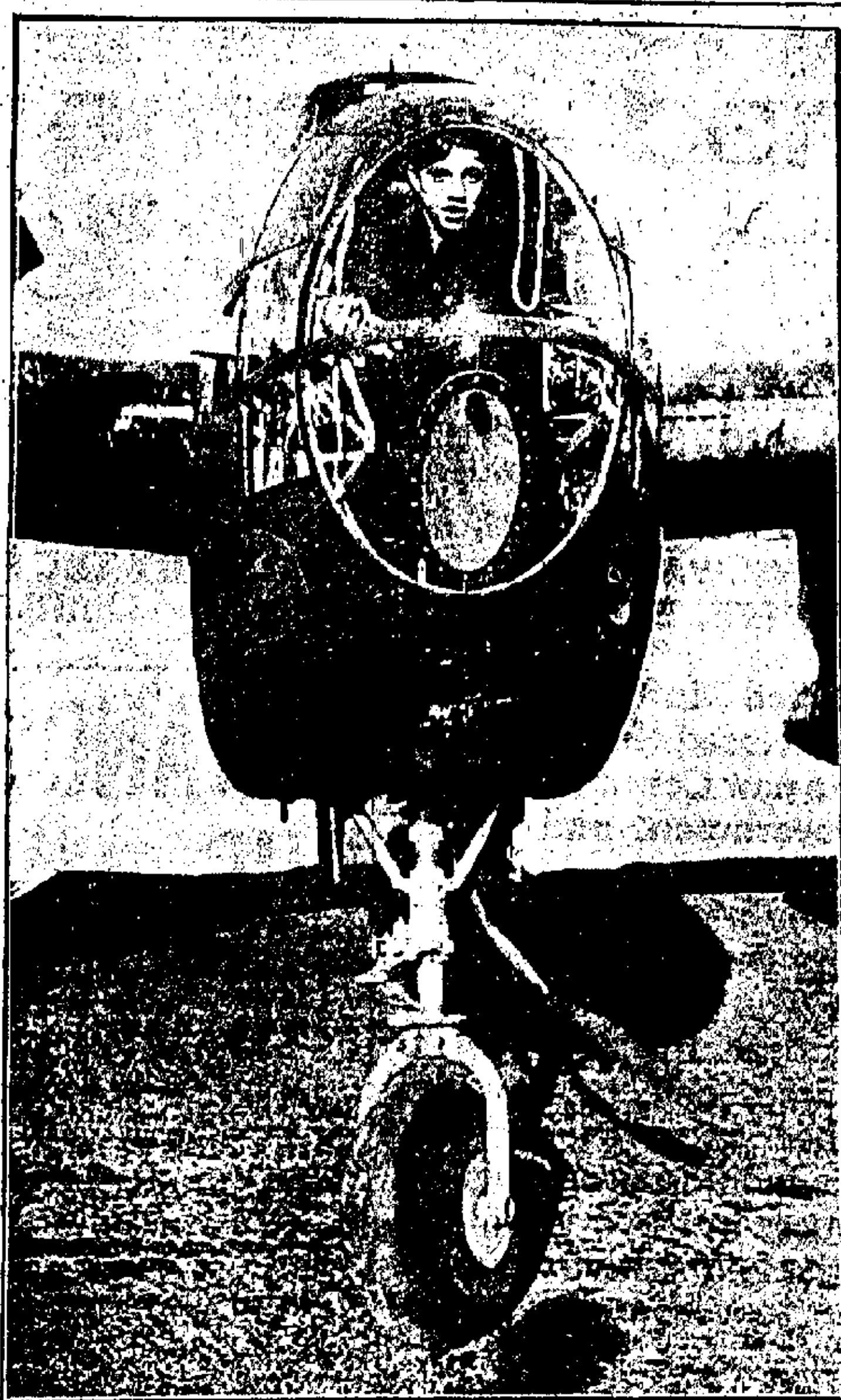
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CHUNGKING ATTITUDE ON SHANGHAI SITUATION



The great arsenal of Democracy is already well ahead in its plans for "aid for Britain" and American aircraft are arriving in ever increasing numbers. Photo shows a study of the bomber in the turret of the new bomber "Boston" from America. This machine, which carries a crew of three is a twin-engine mid-wing monoplane with underslung engines.—(Copyright, Fox.)

Will Oppose Nanking Nominations

THE CHINESE Government will oppose any representatives of the Wang Ching-wei regime participating in the Shanghai Municipal Provisional Council, declared the Chinese Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, in a report on China's foreign relations at a meeting of the Resident Committee of the National Peoples' Political Council held in Chungking on Friday.

Pending the settlement of the issue, the four Chinese representatives of the Council will not attend Council meetings.

Dr. Wang Chung-hui further stated that the Chinese Foreign Office is making strong representations in negotiations with the Powers concerned which, he said, were still continuing.

Referring to the international situation, the Chinese Foreign Minister predicted that important changes will take place in the next few months.

Soviet Assurance

Dr. Wang confirmed reports that the Soviet Government had already assured the Chinese Government that the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Pact would not affect the Soviet policy towards China.

However, in view of the Chinese objections to the Soviet-Japanese joint declaration with reference to Manchuria and Outer Mongolia, the Chinese Government will maintain friendly relations with Soviet Russia while watching for further developments.

It is stressed that in fact there has been no change in Sino-Soviet relations and that north-west communications are being maintained.

Russia's Problem

There is considerable speculation in Chungking whether Soviet

Russia can stay out of the war in Europe and in such an event whether Japan's attitude towards Russia will undergo a change since it is pointed out that the Neutrality Pact concerns third parties and is not a non-aggression pact which directly concerns relations between Russia and Japan.

In concluding, the Chinese Foreign Minister urged the nation to prepare for a long and hard struggle until the aims of resistance had been completely achieved.—Reuter.

APPLICATIONS FOR HEBE HAVEN PLAN

At Medical Headquarters yesterday, it was learned that over 300 prospective settlers had handed in applications for cultivable land in the Hebe Haven area under the Village Settlement scheme.

The area, originally selected between Ho Chung and Saikung in the Hebe Haven region, seems to hold great promise with ample water and land suitable for a large number of agriculturalists.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEK OF R.A.F. PUNISHING RAIDS

HEAVY RAIDS BY THE R.A.F. over Germany and German-occupied territory during the week ending dawn on April 18 included (on the night of April 17/18) the heaviest raid yet made on Berlin, in which the Stirling bomber was in action, and a five-hour attack on Bremen's shipyards and industrial centre.

These were the highlights of a week which would have been even more active had the weather been more favourable.

Coastal objectives were particularly heavily raided, including Kiel, Borkum, Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven, Westergumde, Flushing, Brest naval base, (twice), Lorient submarine base, Bordeaux and Merignac aerodrome, home of

the long-distance Focke-Wulf bombers which play a much-vaulted part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Here, in the course of two raids during the week, direct hits were registered on hangars and buildings and many large fires caused.

Many attacks were also made on shipping at Borkum, off Norway and off France.

Borkum Raid

The week's most daring exploit was that of a plane which flew over Borkum at a height of only 50 feet, while pieces of a ship attacked were flung 200 feet into the air.

A Czech pilot shot down an enemy plane from a height of only 50 feet.

Main success of these operations lies in the damage caused to military objectives accurately attacked but an incidental result was the destruction of five German aircraft.

Prize paid was 25 aircraft, or scarcely more than the Germans had lost in two nights during some of their heavy recent raids on Britain.—Reuter.

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COLONY'S WOMEN WORKERS

Enquiry In Progress

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD").

An appreciation of the work of the newly-appointed Lady Labour Inspectors, who have completed inquiries into wages and conditions of women employees in rubber factories, was expressed by Mr. B. C. K. Hawkins, Labour Officer, in an interview with the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

The three Lady Labour Inspectors, who were appointed in January and commenced work in February, are Miss Cesira Tsang, Miss Lily Lam, and Miss Nora Kwok, who spend almost 90 per cent of their "office hours" visiting factories in which women are employed.

They have just completed inquiries into conditions of women workers in rubber and torchlight factories, and are now visiting weaving and knitting factories, a job which will entail visits to hundreds of factories.

The innovation of employing lady inspectors has proved useful, for women workers talk more freely to the lady inspectors, supplying them with information which a male inspector would not be likely to obtain.

Now Being Digested

The reports on the rubber and torchlight factories, are now being "digested" by the Labour Officer, who stated that from what he has already found in the reports, the experiment has definitely proved a success.

The Lady Inspectors have won the confidence of women workers and have found little difficulty in obtaining the information sought. Mr. Hawkins pointed out that, unlike men who have guilds to represent them, women workers are not organised.

Low Wages

The problem of improving their conditions and wages, therefore, will have to be taken up by the Labour Office, with the cooperation of employers.

The reports show that working conditions are generally fair, but wages appear to be very low. Women are commonly paid on a piece-work basis.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PROGRAMME

Following is the programme of music to be played by the band of the 1st Buff. Middlesex Regiment at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Tuesday, in connection with the St. George's Day celebrations:

1. March "The Standard of St. George"
 2. Medley "A Musical Switch"
 3. Selection "Cavalcade"
 4. Pot Pourri "The Golden Waltz"
 5. Selection "The Yeomen of the Guard"
 6. Selection "There'll always be an England"
 7. Medley "Steps of Glory"
 8. "God Bless America"
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DAIRY FARM WIDENS ACTIVITY

Transfer of the headquarters of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company from Lower Albert Road will be completed to-morrow, when the ground floor of Windsor House, in the heart of the city, will be opened as the Company's main store.

The Queen's Road depot is also affected, its services being moved to Windsor House as from to-morrow.

The change is to be accompanied by important extensions of the scope of the Company's activities, for there is to be an "American Style" Soda Fountain Restaurant, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., and will include a wine service.

Another new feature will be a bakery and confectionery department, and a speciality will be Milk Bread. The bread is to be made at the Company's old premises in Lower Albert Road, where modern equipment has been installed.

Visitors to the soda fountain restaurant will be greatly surprised with what the Dairy Farm has prepared for their delectation, while there will be surprises innumerable in the main store. The Dairy Farm, in Windsor House, will, in fact, approach closely the universal provider (wearing apparel excluded), for patrons will find the Company able to provide wines and spirits, smokers' requirements and cosmetics.

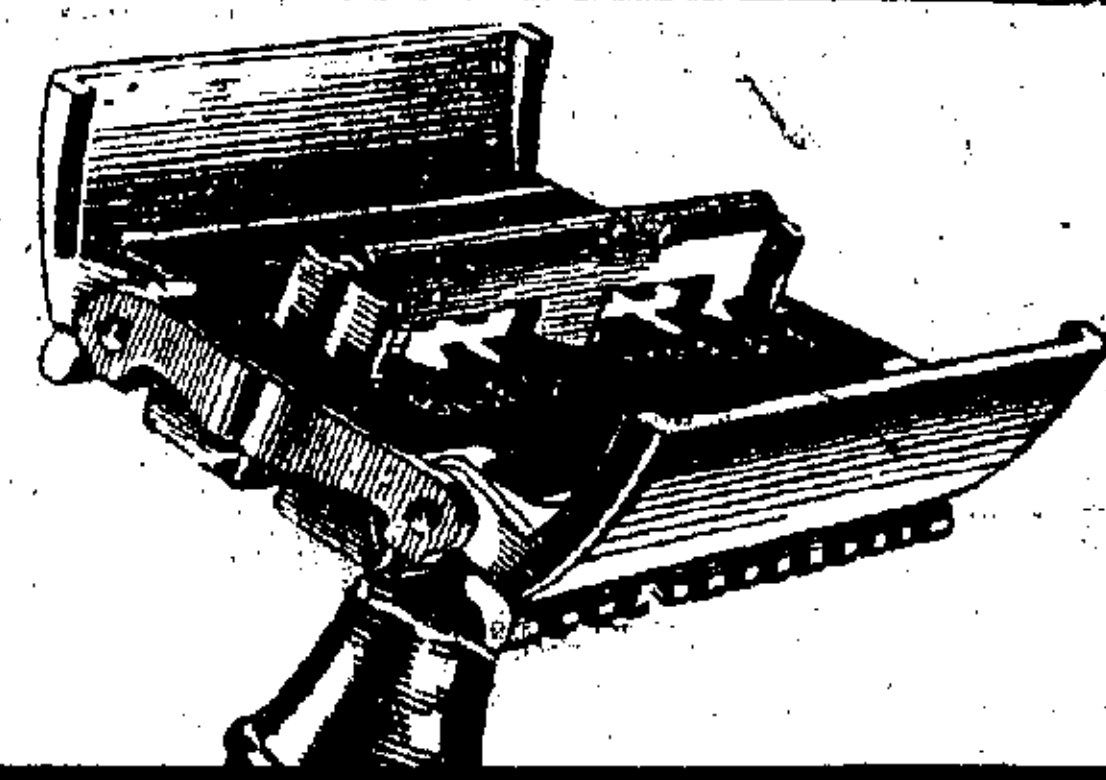
EVADING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

A fine of \$500 or three months' hard labour, was imposed by Mr. J. N. Anderson yesterday, on Ng Wah-yun, 43, master of junk No. 2598V, for exporting 3,000 sacks of salt and 1,000 raton sacks without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Accused's junk was stopped by a police patrol when about to leave the Harbour at 6.30 p.m. on Friday.

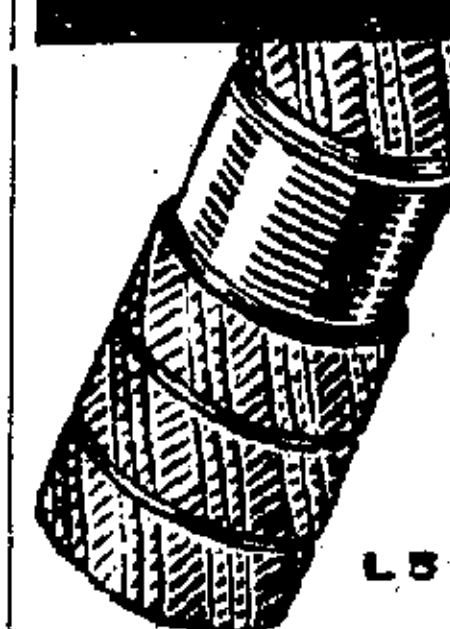
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WAR TAX REVISION NEARING

New Draft Recommendations In The Hands Of Government

Hint Of Tax On Unearned Income: "Interim Report"

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

MEASURES TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE WAR TAXATION ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAXING OF "UNEARNED INCOME" AND FOR TIGHTENING UP THE BUSINESS TAX TO CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES FOR EVASION, MAY RESULT FROM THE RE-EXAMINATION OF THE WAR TAXATION PROBLEM BY THE RE-CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE, THE "SUNDAY HERALD" LEARNED YESTERDAY.

Officially no detailed information is forthcoming, but it is disclosed that the draft recommendations of the new Committee have been submitted to Government and represent a "bulky file."

Interviewed yesterday morning, the Acting Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, said that all he was permitted to say about the matter was that the report of a Sub-Committee of Three, selected by the main Committee, has been received, and that their recommendations include proposals for revision of several clauses in the original Ordinance as passed by the Legislative Council.

The two primary objects of the re-constituted War Taxation Committee were to study and advise Government on means of increasing the yield of war taxes and to remedy the inequalities.

Business Tax

Asked what he meant by "inequalities," the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd referred to the Business Profits Tax which, he said, it was felt, was not giving a fair proportionate yield as compared with the Corporation Profits Tax. The yield from the Business Profits Tax had not come up to expectations.

One aim of the Sub-Committee, it is understood, has been to remove loopholes in the Ordinance which have led to this low yield.

Salaries Tax

It is believed, further, that the Salaries Tax may be revised to lighten the burden on the "family man" and that the minimum taxable income of the salaried man without dependents may be set at a lower level.

FOUR CASES OF CHOLERA

Four cases of cholera—one each from Victoria, Kowloon, Shaikwan and rural Hong Kong—38 cases of tuberculosis, six of dysentery, four of measles and one each of diphtheria and enteric fever, were notified to the Health Authorities on Friday.

STRANGE BUS INCIDENT

APPEARING BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON, AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY, CHAN KAM-YUEN, 34, CLERK, RESIDING AT 40, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, WAS FINED \$25 FOR MALICIOUSLY DAMAGING A SEAT COVER ON NO. 842 BUS.

A charge against accused of avoiding payment of the bus fare will be heard on Thursday.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appeared for the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, and Mr. D. McCallum pleaded not guilty for accused.

It was alleged that at 10.30 p.m. last Saturday, accused boarded the bus at the junction of Granplan and Prince Edward Roads and wanted to alight at the Fa Yuen Street bus stop.

The conductor stopped accused from leaving the bus since he noticed that a seat cover in the first class section in which accused was the only passenger, had a 10-inch cut. The seat was in good condition before the accused took the seat.

The conductor alleged that a few days prior to the incident, accused was a passenger on his bus and damaged a seat in similar manner.

EUROPEAN SEAMEN CHARGED IN THE MARINE COURT

CAPTAIN J. SAMONAS gave evidence at the Marine Court yesterday before Commander J. Jolly in a case involving the desertion from his vessel of three European members of his crew.

Defendants were Arthur Beers, mess-boy, Richard Donovan, fireman, and Leonard Osinski, seaman, charged with a breach of discipline by failing to return to their vessel.

Inspector Oliver, prosecuted, while Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, of Messrs. Peter Sin & Co., defended. Captain Samonas stated that his vessel arrived in Hong Kong on March 31st, and on April 1st, defendants left the ship without permission. From that day, no work had been done by defendants in spite of the fact that the first and second defendants returned to the ship a few days later to ask for part of the wages, which Captain Samonas gave them on the understanding that they would remain to work.

Both defendants, however, left the ship again. In the case of third defendant, Captain Samonas said Osinski was admitted to hospital but was ordered to return to the ship when he, Captain Samonas, met him in the Port Office after his discharge. Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, for defence, produced three letters signed by the Captain to defendants, purporting to be an agreement whereby, by mutual consent, defendants could be released from service. Mr. Hon pointed out that several applications had been placed before Captain Samonas for the position of the three defendants who wanted to be signed off in Hong Kong, and these applications had been refused.

Captain Samonas stated that the applications were received from persons who did not possess references as to their qualifications.

Simple Issue

Commander Jolly pointed out that with no Greek consular authority in Hong Kong, defendants could not be discharged and remain in Hong Kong without the permission of the Harbour Master or the Immigration Office. The

whole issue arose out of the fact that defendants absented themselves from the ship. By giving defendants money when they returned aboard, the master of the vessel implied that he knew defendants were going to spend the money ashore.

First defendant, Arthur Beers, stated that he was given permission to go ashore by the Chief Engineer to whom the Captain was referred when he asked to leave. Richard Donovan, second defendant, stated that when the ship arrived in port he asked the Captain for his discharge. The Captain had told him to get if the ship and said he was no good. Donovan denied that when he met the Captain ashore, he was ordered back to the vessel.

Third defendant, Leonard Osinski, produced a medical certificate, which stated that defendant had been discharged, but as advised to see the doctor each day. He, therefore, did not want to go back as he was not fit for work, but he went to see the Captain on the day following his discharge from hospital to show him the medical certificate. Osinski stated that the Captain ordered him to work when he went aboard or to get out. He then left the ship.

Court Decision

The Harbour Master said there was no doubt that defendants disobeyed the orders of the master of the vessel which was the main issue, but in view of the conflicting evidence he would order defendants back to their ship without, however, imposing a fine, with a recommendation that third defendant be examined by the Health Officer to see whether he was fit for work.



Mr. Reginald Owens and his bride, formerly Miss Alison Fisher, after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon. — (King's Studio.)

Wedding Of Miss Alison Fisher

THE WEDDING OF TWO VERY POPULAR MEMBERS OF HONG KONG'S YOUNGER SET TOOK PLACE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN MR. REGINALD OWENS, HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE OF MESSRS. PARKER, DAVIS AND COMPANY, WAS MARRIED TO MISS ALISON JEANETTE FISHER.

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The bridegroom is the son of Captain S. B. Owens, U.S. Army (ret.), and Mrs. M. D. Owens, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., and the bride is the daughter of the late Captain Frank Tasman Fisher and Mrs. J. B. Fisher, of Hong Kong.

Mr. Jack Dwyer undertook the duties of best man and Mr. D. D. Forbes gave the bride away. Ushers were Messrs. P. Cotton and C. Waggoner, while the Misses Eileen Bliss and Virginia Beaumont acted as bridesmaids.

The many guests included the American Consul in Hong Kong, Mr. Robert S. Ward.

The bride looked charming in an ice-blue gown with long blue tulle veil, train and long sleeves. She carried a bouquet of forget-me-nots.

Her going-away dress consisted of a custard coloured crepe dress with hat and purse to match.

The bridesmaids were in blue georgette, with blue straw hats, and carried pink bouquets.

The bride's mother, Mrs. J. B. Fisher, was also in blue, while

all the male members of the bridal party wore shark-skin suits with blue-striped handkerchiefs and ties to match.

A reception was held later at the American Club, after which the couple departed to Repulse Bay for their honeymoon.

It is understood that Mrs. & Mr. Owens will make their new home in No. 7 Middle Road, Kowloon.

GIFT FOR RELIEF OF WAR WIDOWS

The Maharajah of Nepal has contributed 15,000 rupees for the relief of widows and orphans of soldiers in the Indian Army killed in the war.—Reuter.

MODIFICATIONS IN NEW TAX POSSIBLE

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

THAT MODIFICATIONS will be introduced according to experience gained was the reply given by both Mr. R. R. Todd, the Honourable Acting Financial Secretary, and Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday, when questioned regarding complaints by cosmetic and toilet goods dealers in connection with the newly imposed tax on cosmetics and toilet goods.

Mr. Todd admitted that representations have been made by dealers to the Colonial Secretary. The public and the retailers are cooperating with the authorities and work is going on smoothly, stated Mr. Hamilton.

The Controller of Trade also disclosed that steps are being taken to print smaller tax stamps, and said that the retailers were only responsible for attaching tax stamps to the goods they have in stock.

Gradually, as stocks diminish they will be relieved of this responsibility for it will be passed on to the importer or local manufacturer who will have to see that all cosmetics and toilet goods liable to taxation, are sealed with the necessary tax stamps before distributing them to retailers.

NEW DEFENCE AREAS

Five areas on the south side of the island, including Cape D'Aguilar peninsula, the area between Big Wave Bay and Saiwan, the Chung Am Kok peninsula, on the left-hand side of Repulse Bay to its link with Stanley, and areas between Aberdeen and Deer Water Bay have been declared protected places under the Defence Regulations. Permission to enter must be obtained from the Military Authorities.

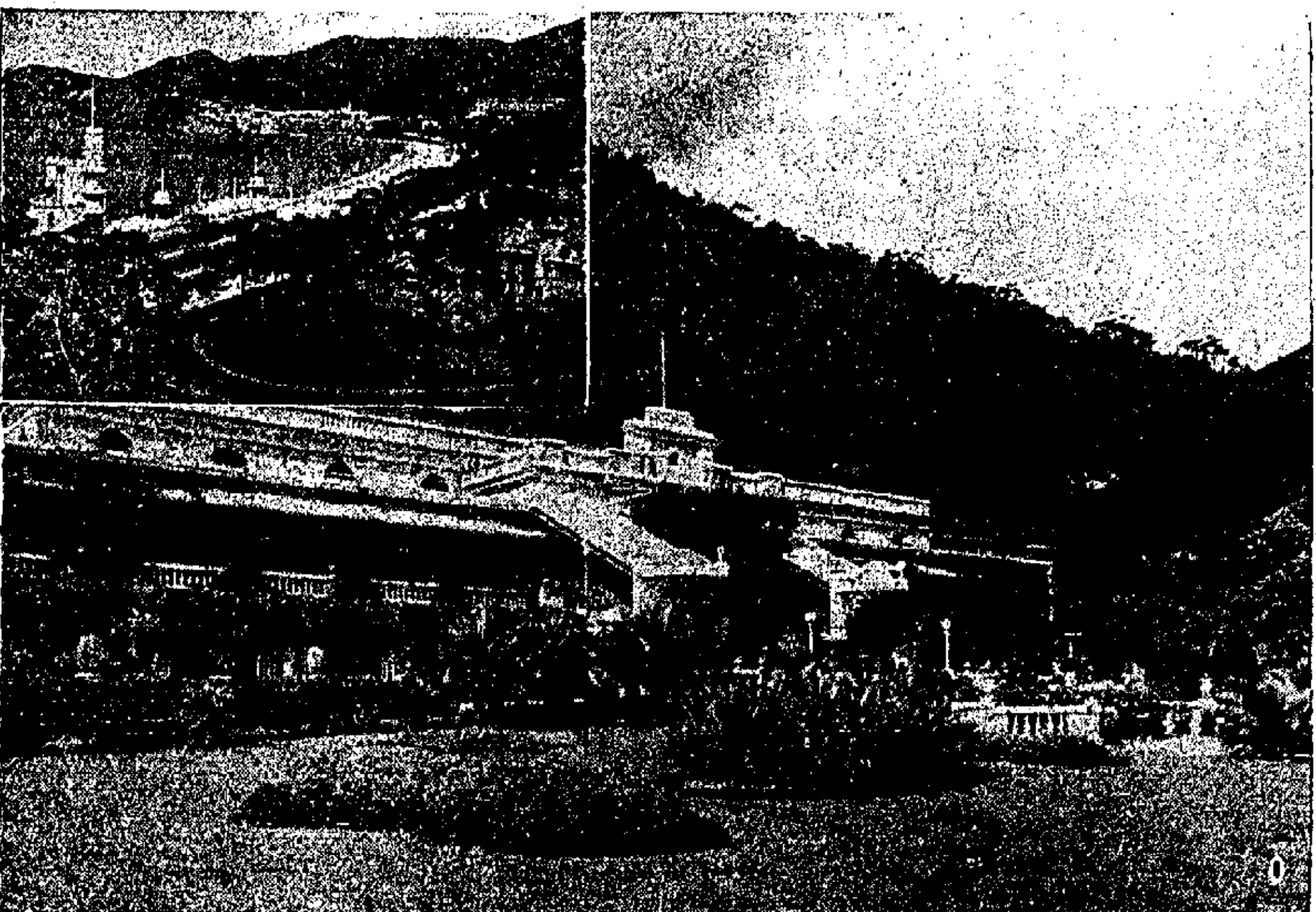
Mr. S. Dutt, Indian Civil Service, has been appointed Agent of the Government of India in Malaya, with effect from April 8. It was announced in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.



Shella Mackinlay and Maud Philippons, as they appear in the revue, "Pure and Simple," which is to be presented at China Fleet Club next Friday and Saturday in aid of the British Bombed Areas.

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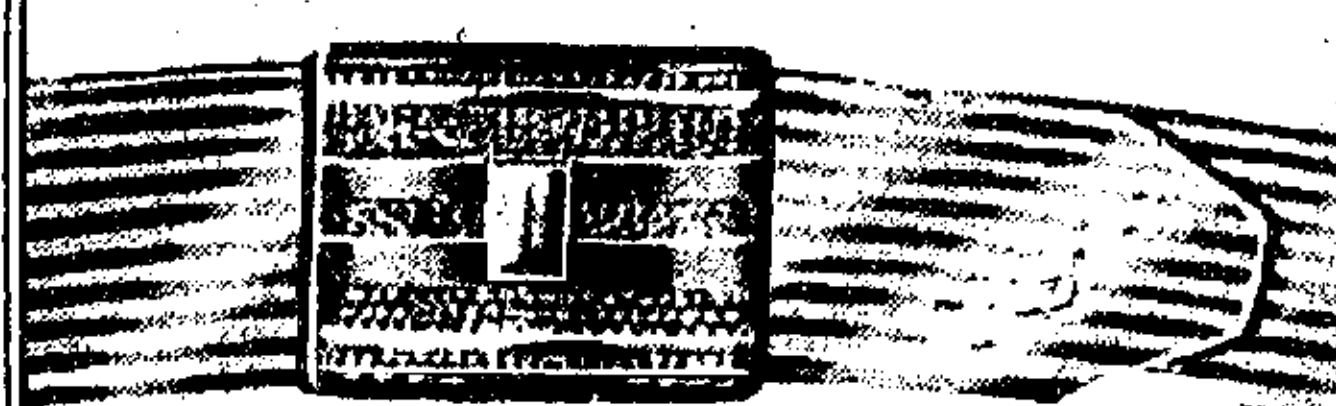
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On Being A Propagandist

It seems to me that it would be well to get clear in our minds the meaning of the word "propaganda." For we have come to brand every one who disagrees with us as a "propagandist."

Of course, all advocacy of any viewpoint is propaganda, in the exact meaning of the word. But ordinary use of the phrase means that the advocacy is not disinterested, does not arise from intelligent conviction, but is motivated by malice or self-interest.

Senator Clark the other day said: "If an investigation of propaganda tending to bring the United States into another European war should be undertaken, Miss Dorothy Thompson would be counted among the propagandists."

Now, it would be just exactly as fair for Miss Thompson to reply to Senator Clark: "If an investigation should be undertaken of propaganda tending to encourage the Fascist movement here and abroad, Senator Clark would be counted among the propagandists."

It Makes Us Opponents

Using the same technique as Senator Clark, of branding those who do not agree with his view of the war as "propagandists," it would be possible to demonstrate that the Nazi government, which is certainly no friend of the United States or its institutions, is using the speeches and arguments of the erstwhile opponents of the lend-lease bill as the chief ammunition in their attempts from Berlin to influence American policy. One only needs to listen to the German hour-wave broadcasting to realise this.

But I do not think that Senator Clark is a propagandist for Nazi Germany. I think, as the Nazis do, that the policy he advocates is greatly advantageous to Nazi Germany and greatly disadvantageous to America. I think that the end-lease bill is greatly advantageous to Great Britain and greatly disadvantageous to the United States. That does not make either of us a "propagandist" in the sense in which that word is popularly used. It makes us opponents.

There is also a tendency to quote and comment on statements made by others without investigating exactly what the statement was. Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, who spent several years of her life inciting to the persecution of all pacifists as rascals, and who now has joined him, tried to hang me and Mrs. Roosevelt in effigy the other day for having "advocated" sending several million men abroad in his war; and Senator Clark says: "Recently Miss Thompson expressed her willingness to sacrifice a million American boys."

Now, Miss Thompson never expressed anything of the kind. What Miss Thompson said in the Town Hall meeting in Washington was in answer to a repeated question from Congressman Mundt. He said: "If I were convinced that it was necessary for the freedom and independence of the United States to send an army or navy here or there, and to sacrifice even a million lives, I would be willing to do so—to sacrifice my own and my son's."

An Intellectual And Moral Position

The answer was made in an attempt to make an intellectual and moral position perfectly clear. Hate war as much as Senator Clark does, and have tried for twenty years to get America to abandon its isolationist attitude and use its immense power and responsibility for helping to maintain peace in this world.

But I am not among those who believe that war can be averted by pacifism, or that war is the worst possible thing that can befall a people, or that to die in battle is the worst possible thing that can befall a human being. Personally, I would a great deal rather die than see my country become a sub-Nazi Reich, or live on the terms of the totalitarian world, and I assume that there are millions of other Americans who feel exactly as I do. Evidently there are, because a poll of them recently showed a majority willing to go on helping Britain and helping Britain more energetically, even at the risk of war.

And in the statement that Senator Clark quoted, I added that I was convinced that it would be neither wise nor necessary to send the Army in the present struggle.

Worse Than War

An unlimited reign of terror is worse, in my mind, than war. I see neither reason nor evidence to indicate that a struggle against Fascism leads to Fascism, although I see a great deal of evidence to

By
DOROTHY THOMPSON

prove that collaboration with Fascism does lead to Fascism. And I do think that America is in the most serious emergency and under the most serious menace from abroad that it has ever been in its history.

Furthermore, if a nation puts itself in the position where it is incapable of waging anything except a defensive war on its own soil, while its enemies are capable of waging both an offensive and a defensive war, that nation is sure to lose. If Senator Clark and Wheeler had their way, that is what would happen.

The expression of these views is advocacy of a policy. It is, therefore, "propaganda," exactly as Senator Clark's counter-advocacy is. But the people of America must decide according to which "propaganda" makes the greater sense and more closely conforms to wise action in the face of reality.

Senator Wheeler the other day attacked radio commentators for being "biased" in their handling of foreign news. He implied that they were prejudiced. Prejudiced means prejudgment: a judgment not based on accurate information.

An Extremely Curious Fact

His only basis for that statement, made en bloc against all radio commentators, is the curious fact that, almost without exception, all of them—Mr. Kattenborn, Mr. Swing, Mr. Schirer—believe that the Nazi government has designs against the United States and that if Britain fails the country will be in for the most serious crisis in its entire history.

But Senator Wheeler does not ask whether these gentlemen are competent to speak and whether they know what they are talking about.

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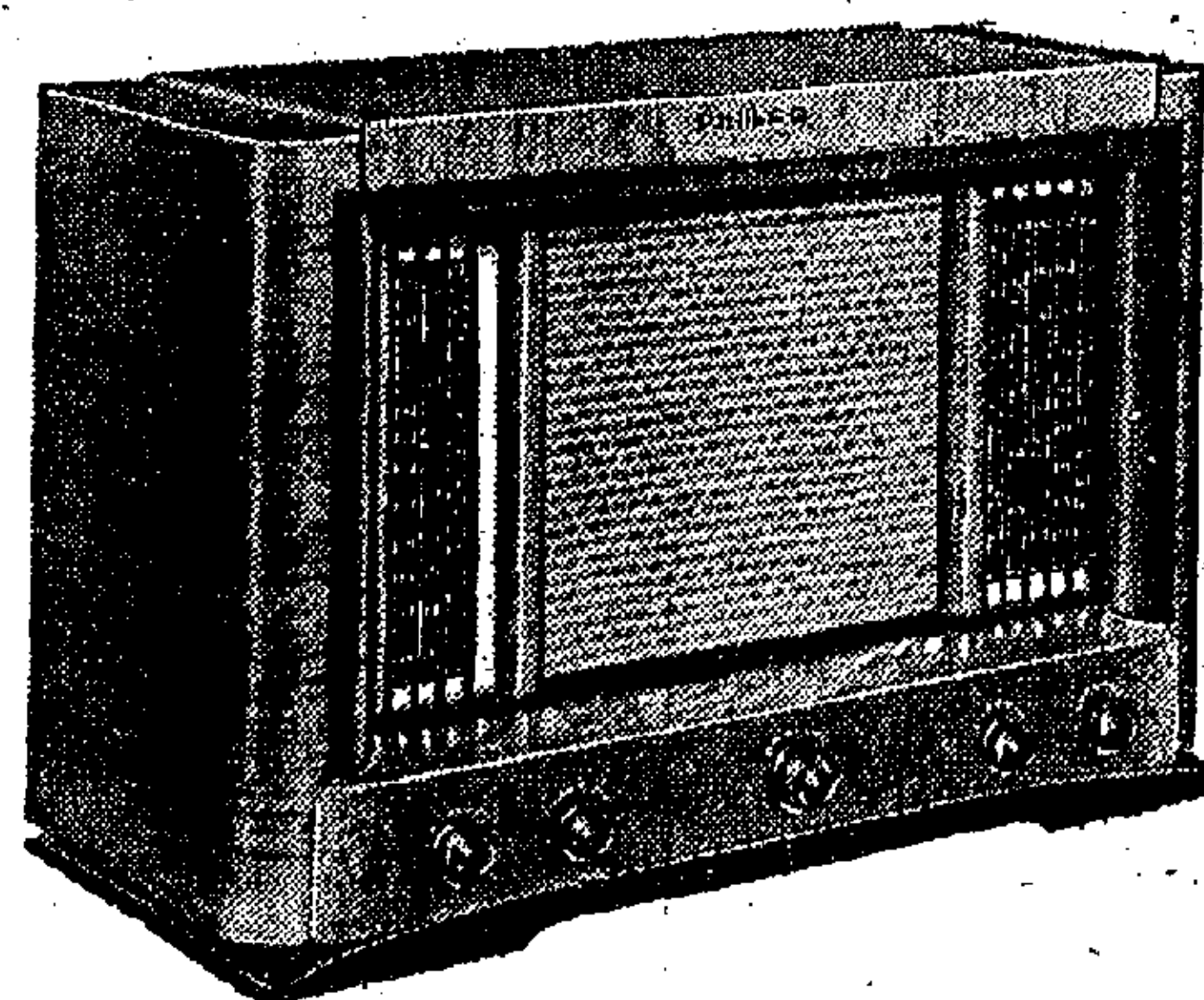
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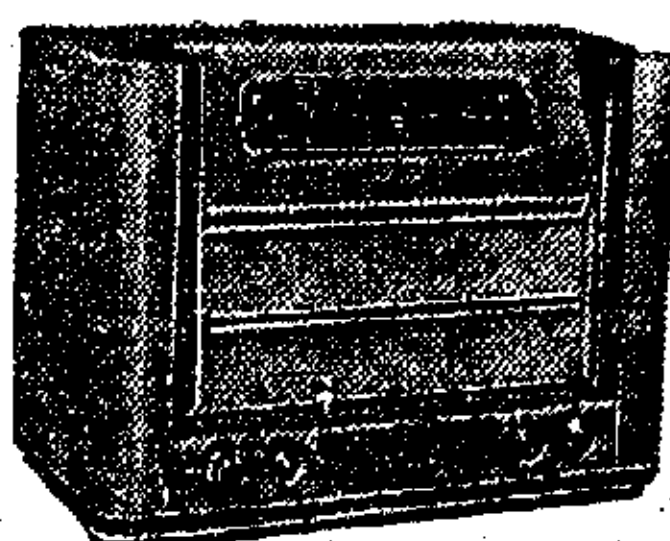
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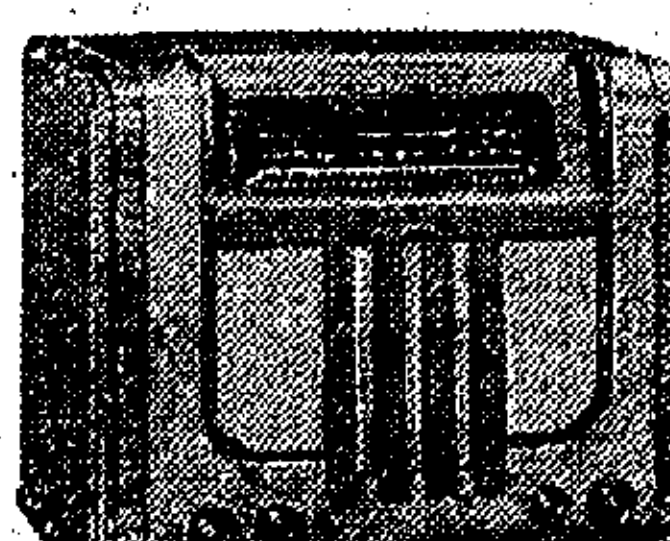
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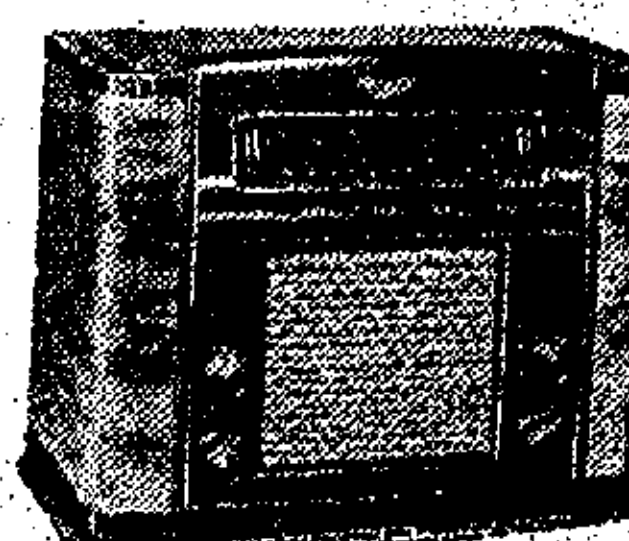
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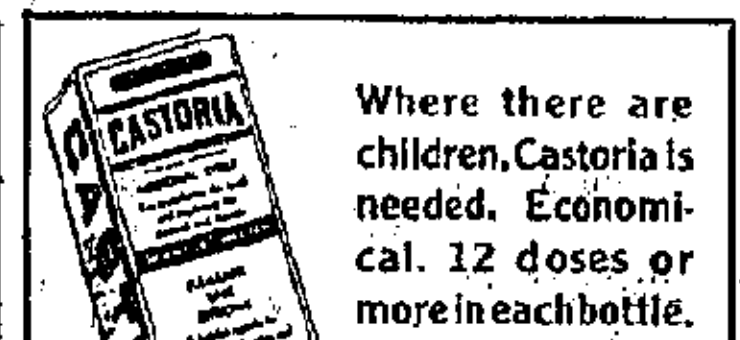
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WHETHER it is possible to go quite as far as His Excellency in lauding the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is a matter of individual taste, like the popular estimate of the architectural beauty of the headquarters. It is true, nevertheless, that the Bank has always been a warm friend and supporter of the University, and there should be a moral in that somewhere.

THE Governor, laying the foundation stone, was in his best speaking form, notably in his skilful diminishment of the meaning of the round figures which express the sum, \$100,000, needed to equip the science laboratory. Said quickly, it is no great sum, and if enough friends



Rachel Smith, Joan Sanh, Cynthia Sanh, Betty Richards, Maureen Booker, Betty Longbottom, Alison Black and Pamela Pritchard, who appear in the Revue "Pure and Simple," which is being put on by the H.K.V.A.D. next Friday and Saturday in aid of the Bombed Areas in Britain.

it a trifle odd, may still go away believing that we funny Britishers built it that way.

Mr. Liang's War Paintings

THE marriage of art and propaganda will seldom produce genius. The great artist is he who is moved by eternal verities, not by the hate and passion of the hour.

MR. Liang is a Chinese, with a hatred of aggression, with an infinite compassion for the present distresses of his countrymen, with a contempt for those who, in Nanking and elsewhere, are betraying the cause of the Chinese nation. These are the motives that have inspired the pictures he exhibited at St. John's Hall last week. Technically, the painting is good, emotionally it is even better, because it conveys its message with telling effect.

THOSE of us who saw the exhibition were moved, to pity, to horror, to admiration of China's courage and of the new spirit of China that is arising out of the carnage. Because he has been inspired by his heart first and his brain afterwards, because he has appealed to our emotions rather than our intellect, we say that his work is not the work of a genius. But we can say he is a fine painter and a very sincere one.

HE combines methods both western and Chinese and adds to them a subtlety which is wholly Chinese. Take, for example, his picture of a bombed village. Most European artists would have drawn a scene of great desolation. Liang achieves the same effect by depicting a single house. The



door has been blown out and the roof riddled with bullets and in steel helmet. But the man, bleeding from the head, still clings to the wall, because nature still persists in spite of man's worst endeavours.

SEVERAL of the pictures have been painted in pairs. One of the most effective deals with the treachery of Nanking. It is a sad thought to the Chinese who are fighting for freedom that whilst they are meeting the Japanese at the front and from the capital make merry with the enemy. The first of the pair shows the flower boats on the Yangtze busily engaged in entertaining the army of occupation. The second is a picture of the deserted, whilst in the foreground are trees with red autumn leaves, the bitter feeling implied in it is easily discernable.

A PICTURE of a puppet show underlines the same theme. The dolls are expressing noble sentiments and a crowd of children are staring open-mouthed, but one small boy peeps underneath the curtains and sees that the puppets are operated by the Japanese.

IN China, as now in the West, the hero of to-day is the aviator, and naturally, many of Mr.

Liang's efforts reflect this hero-worship. One shows a group of them snatching a "hasty" meal before going up to face the enemy, in others is seen the pride and fear of their families. One of the most vivid is just a picture of the moon, with a family of peasants looking up at it. The moon, so long a poetic symbol, has now a very different meaning. It connotes a good clear night for enemy bombers.

PERHAPS the most striking in the whole exhibition, both in subject and treatment is a guerilla picture. Father and son, fresh from their work in the rice-fields, stroll through the dark, silent countryside, rifles in hand. They seem to be so much a part of their background, so great is the determination on their faces, that one almost feels sorry for any of the enemy they may encounter.

EACH one of the paintings is worth remark, but enough has been said to indicate that Mr. Liang is not only an able painter, but he is also an interpreter of the New China that is being forged in the heat of its hatred for the Japanese.

The Wavy Navy

THEY'RE a fine set of chaps, in the H.K.R.N.V.R. We've just discovered the reason. Scene was the Gloucester. There was the usual hum of quiet conversation. Suddenly a splash of deep blue lit up the subdued furnishings of the roof garden as five cadets of the Wavy Navy came in. Well set-up young fellows they were, sleek and well-fed. They sauntered in with a nautical roll, their deep voices booming. Two of them had very handsome beards.

"Boy," rapped out a voice in that clear, peevish, quarter-deck tone. "The boy came up and hovered nearby as they bent over the table in earnest consultation.

"Tribble hot rums," we hazarded. At length they sat back in their chairs and the spokesman beckoned to the boy. "Five cold milks," he demanded, "and see they're right off the ice."

Income Tax And The Services

SIR Kingsley Wood's latest budget has provoked much favourable comment, because it demonstrates that the British are not merely willing to die in the cause of democracy. They are willing to pay for it as well.

MEMBERS of the fighting services, like other citizens, have accepted the financial sacrifices willingly. But in Hong Kong, the contrast between high taxation of low service incomes, and level of civil incomes, has given rise to some hard feelings. Whilst soldiers are paying tax partly at 33 1/3rd per cent, and partly at 50 per cent, local residents are paying ten per cent or less. A more severe aspect, however, is that soldiers begin to pay one third as soon as their incomes rise above \$120 per month, and 50 per cent before Hong Kong begins to pay at all. And married men are hit more hardly than ever, receiving but small reliefs for wife and each child.

THERE is even more to it than this. The fighting services, in addition to contributing so heavily to the Home Exchequer, are compelled to contribute to the local treasury also, in indirect taxation, thus emphasising the disparity of the burdens borne by the military and civil sections of the population.

IT is felt that it would be a generous gesture to the services if the local authorities were to devise a scheme for remitting some of the local taxation in favour of the services. There are certain technical difficulties but we are certain that, if the wish to do it is there, an effective method can be found.

Boys Meets Girl

THE lot of the dramatic critic is hard. When the show is good,

by Rex James.

the role of a gentlemanly stooge. He was so entirely natural, he so obviously belonged to the part he was playing, that he entranced the audience by his engaging diffidence. We hadn't heard of him before, but he is a decided find.

NAN Moodie, modelling her manner, consciously or otherwise, on that of Billie Burke, was captivating as Susie. Harry Cockle and Bob Leigh, as Law and Benson the scenario-writers, were very convincing, as also was Bill College's three-minute appearance as the studio cutter. Willie Robertson's interpretation of the film-producer, though adequate, was not sufficiently forceful, whilst David Kossick's performance as the agent, sound enough though it was, was less than we expect of this usually fine character actor.

Though not essential to the development of the plot, the cameo, presented by Spud Spary and Ernest Perry as Hollywood-toughened song-writer and mate, was a very pleasant interlude. It is worth noting that Ernest Perry can sing, too.

THE conclusion is the obvious one, that there is no lack of talent in Hong Kong. All it requires is the right material. The show was in aid of the Bomber Fund, which will benefit considerably. It should be remarked that the K.C.C. have been enthusiastic supporters of the fund since its inception and have already contributed over \$7,000.

THE story is written round the confusion of interests with which movie studios are always associated in our minds. Readers may remember a short story by E. M. Delafield in the "Sunday Herald" a few months ago. This dealt with the same theme, but oh! the difference in treatment. Her touch was light and sure, her satire biting, the reader was wrapped into moments of delighted surprise. In other words, E. M. Delafield can present confusion without confusing her audience; that is just what the Spewacks, who wrote "Boy Meets Girl" have failed to do.

IF the play be accepted as inevitable, there is little but praise to be given, for the standard in every other respect, was uniformly high. As we have already said, Mr. Upton, as stage manager, ran away with the honours, with Captain Houghton's producing close behind. Of the actors a comparatively minor one stole the limelight. This was Gerry Davies in

The Scapegoats Again

MR. Liddall, the Conservative M.P. for Lincoln, is to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer: Whether, as part of the post-war reconstruction policy he will take steps to ascertain whether the strain of examinations and preparations on persons between their fourteenth and twenty-second years, desirous of entering the higher grades of the Civil Service, tends in any appreciable degree to engender cerebral apathy and loss of initiative or willingness to accept responsibility.

THE official reply, when or if it comes, should be exceedingly interesting, though it would be more interesting to have the answer to a similar question raised in Legislative Council in Hong Kong, with such variations as arise from the additional strain upon cadets of learning Cantonese before they are thrown to the wolves, the Hong Kong public and Press.

BUT the tone of the reply in Hong Kong would be doubly interesting because, presumably, it would be drafted by one of the higher-grade civil servants referred to, and one can easily imagine him sharpening his pen and dipping it into sardonic ink for the purpose. Doubtless, when still higher authority had cut out all the more obvious bitterness, the only words which would be left to the official spokesman to utter would be "No!" or, more curtly, "The reply is the same as the answer to Question Two!" compelling members to rustle through their papers to discover what they were nodding over five minutes before.

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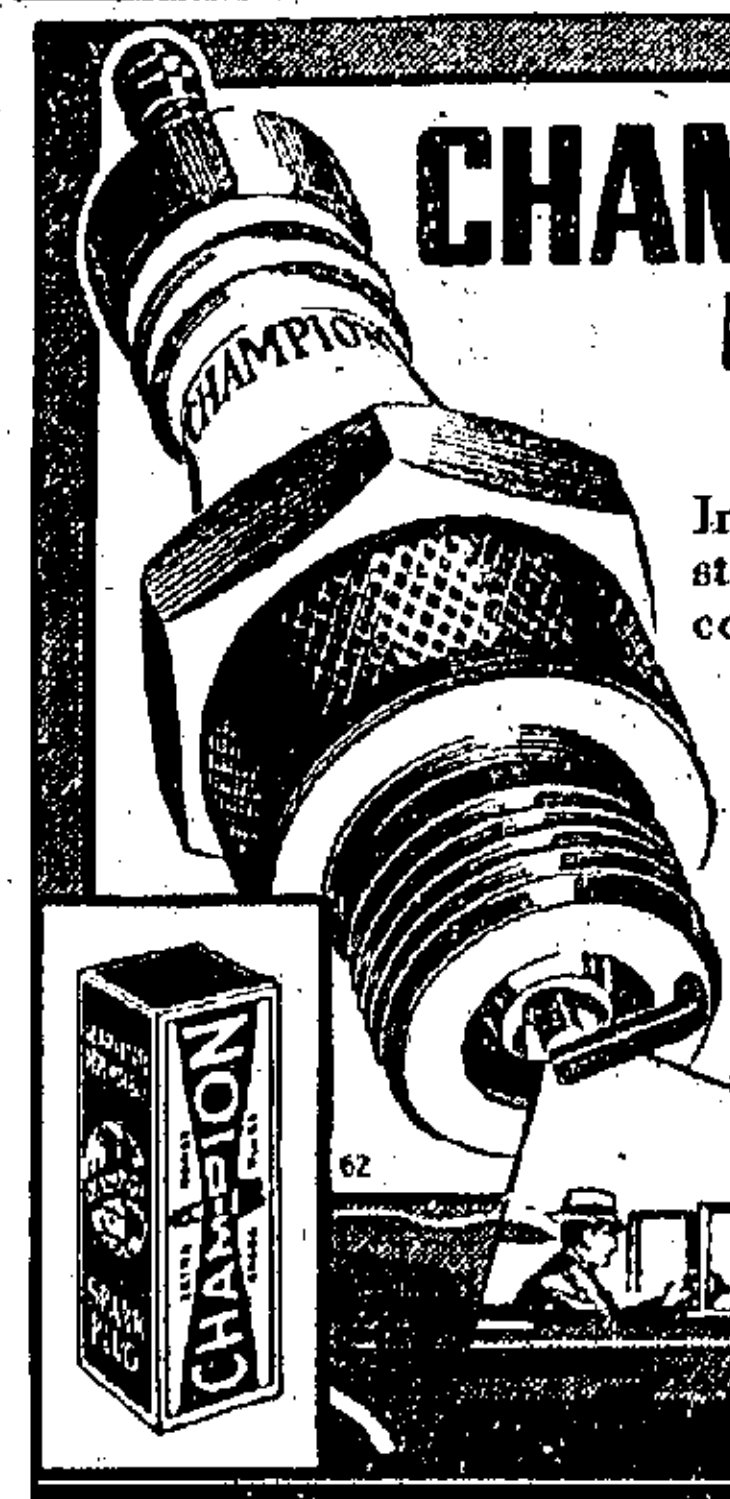
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Nazi Hordes Are Waiting

THE Prime Minister has now given a timely warning on the vital subject of invasion. It was not a day too early, for all the signs point to an attempt being made.

Last September, when Air Force chiefs gave a similar warning, many regarded it as a joke. Yet few will now doubt that but for the disastrous defeat which the Fighter Command inflicted on the Nazi air hordes, the enemy armada would have set sail.

Now all three Services are preparing their plans on the basis that an attempt may be made in the next few weeks.

It is obviously in Germany's interests to try to invade us with as little delay as possible, for whereas their war industries have suffered badly from the results of the R.A.F. bombing, the Luftwaffe flattered away their chances of doing likewise in order to indulge in indiscriminate terror bombing of towns.

Face The Facts

Every week, too, the scale of United States' assistance is swelling the ranks of our bombers and fighters.

Whatever form Hitler's assault takes, all three of our forces have carefully worked out plans to meet it. Much will depend on how the civilian population of Britain react.

Let nobody delude themselves. This will be an "all-in" war, fought relentlessly and without any rules. The Germans will stop at nothing.

For that reason, it is reasonable to suppose that poison gas will be one of their weapons. Anything and everything which stands in the way of progress will be bombed without the slightest qualm, just as it was in Holland and France.

Bitter Experience

That being so, it is the duty of every civilian who has no task outdoors to "stay put" in his or her own home. Their presence on roads in any numbers would give the German dive-bombers the chance to bomb and machine-gun them and cause congestion which, as happened in France, would make defence ten times more difficult.

Many senior R.A.F. officers with whom I have spoken recently do not believe that the invasion will be attempted from the sea. Hitler has the bitter experience of last August and September to remind him that our Fighter Force cannot easily be worn down, while he knows that our bomber strength

is considerably greater than it was six months ago.

With our stock of bombers and fighters undiminished — just the reverse, in fact — few enemy barges or ships could survive for more than a few minutes. With the Royal Navy pounding them at sea-level and the combined aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm, and the R.A.F.'s Fighter, Bomber, and Coastal Command above them, they would be sunk like rats.

The probabilities, therefore,

By Our Air Correspondent

are in favour of an exclusively air invasion. Though the way would be paved at night, the real attempt to get any considerable force of troops on British soil would probably be made as soon as it was light.

The Germans do not trust their accuracy in the dark, and so dawn would appear to be the chief danger time.

Troop Carriers

Their greatest anxiety would be to cripple the R.A.F. and the A.A. guns. For that reason, the first troops would probably be landed on or near the aerodromes.

The soldiers would be equipped with tommy-guns, and they would close in on the airfields, try to overpower the station guards, and, if they succeeded, destroy the aircraft, blow up the fuel stores and seize all ammunition and guns.

An attempt would also be made to land tanks, fairly large guns and machine-guns behind our coastal defences, so as to attack them in the rear.

In addition to a strong force of Ju 52 troop-carriers, running into thousands, the Nazis have many obsolete converted civil air-liners, which have been specially rigged to carry a light tank slung under the fuselage between the fixed undercarriage.

A third means of conveying airborne troops is the glider. Germany was the pioneer of motorless aircraft, and it is known that throughout the winter months she has been busy constructing thousands of gliders which could be towed by aircraft.

As they are terribly vulnerable, they would undoubtedly be used during the hours of darkness. As soon as dawn broke, the sky

would be thick with stepped-up bombers and their fighter escorts. To try to divide our air defences, some would no doubt deliberately be sent towards other parts of the country, but when they knew they had been seen they would probably double on their track and make for the main area of attack.

Then would come the main invading force, with the strongest available fighter — and perhaps bomber — escort. The bombers would smash away at our coast

defences and aerodromes and try to do what the R.A.F. have done in Libya — prevent the opposing aircraft from taking off.

Fighters On Guard

Other huge forces of bombers, hundreds of them, would make a shock attack on railways and roads. Unless the troops already landed are to be wiped out before they have obtained a secure footing, the bombers must prevent British reinforcements from being rushed up.

If they succeeded in cutting off the invaded area from the rest of the country, the Germans could probably achieve numerical superiority of troops, and thus have

time to consolidate their positions. Throughout the day more and more troops would be landed, the bombers going straight back over the Channel, where a fighter force would be on guard as soon as they had dropped their parachute troops.

Others, particularly the old and slow Junkers troop-carriers, would most likely be crash-landed and left to their fate, having delivered their human cargoes.

Both sides would undoubtedly call into action every bomber and fighter they could muster. The air fighting would be on an unprecedented scale. Casualties on both sides would be terrible, but unless the enemy could block the roads and railways and could cripple our aerodromes near the invaded area, the advantage must rest with the defenders.

Big Scale Attacks

It may be that the air invasion would go on for two or three days but the maintenance difficulties for the Nazis would be insurmountable for a longer period. They would also be under the serious disadvantage of working from incomplete aerodromes, far from their main bases and maintenance depots.

Attacks and counter-attacks on aerodromes would no doubt work up to a heavy scale, so that the size of the attacking and defending forces would be whittled down after the first few hours.

Here, Germany's greater numbers would be important, though, as the attacking force, she would need them all. These would be grim, anxious days for both sides, but if the Germans failed — and they did last September — the end of the war would probably be in sight.

BLACK WEEK

In the week preceding German invasion of the Balkans, the Eternal City lived through one of the blackest weeks in its more than two thousand years of history and yet for four days was gay with thousands of Italian, German and Japanese flags while the streets and squares vibrated at the cheers of innumerable citizens. This was not a case of fiddling while the empire burned. There may have been some irresponsible youths who really enjoyed themselves but there was surely thoughtful Roman whose heart was not heavy or who failed to realise that not a million Matsumas could compensate for the loss of a great empire and a fine fleet.

The Roman Character

In that picture of cheering crowds with heavy hearts one got the eternal strength and weakness of one of the oldest and greatest civilisations in the world. The Roman has absorbed in his character the indestructibility of his ancient monuments. He knows that his empire and Europe itself may collapse in ruins, that leaders and political movements may be swept away in the course of time but that Rome and the Romans will still be here to represent imperishable values.

It was not, of course, the Roman was demonstrative. It was a combination of patient sophistication and the knowledge that it did not matter one way or the other even if they did cheat.

Rome has had thousands of such distractions and every Roman knows there will be thousands more. So they cheer and waved flags and then went home with despair in their hearts.

Outside of the capital there was not even the distraction which the Roman holiday provided. In a million homes people sat with grave faces reading newspapers, listening to the radio, talking things over with their neighbours. Keren lost; then Harar, Dire Dawa; Addis Ababa, three of Italy's newest cruisers or destroyers sunk, 3,500 men drowned; the bulletins repeat that ominous phrase "Our losses were also heavy."

The first good news in weeks came with the British evacuation of Benghazi and that had to be shared, to say the least, with German forces.

In three months an empire which had taken sixty years to

build had been swept away, and what comfort are Italians supposed to take in the hope that one day it will be returned to them? Their great investments will not be returned, nor the lives lost. Many hundreds of thousands of Italian fathers, mothers and wives are wondering whether their loved ones in Africa, Albania or on the sea are alive or dead or prisoners. And how many of them will not or cannot know for many an anxious month?

But They Fight On

The Italian people are suffering as they rarely have suffered in their long history—but they are carrying on. In another way than the British they are showing that they can take it. They could not take the Imperial forces in East Africa but they are making them go in and occupy every mile of its vast territory. They have faced a hopeless situation in Albania during the past few months, but when their commanders ordered them to attack they attacked.

This war, the Fascist hold, is not yet lost. Italy has had to bear the brunt of the British Empire's attack, but in so doing she has shielded Germany and weakened the British. Then, as they believe and hope, the Axis will triumph over its enemies and Rome will get her reward.

No Choice Left

Meanwhile Italy must carry on—that is the plea and the watchword and the last counsel against despair. Italians realise that there is nothing else to do. They are held in a grip which will not and cannot relax. The choice was made on June 10, 1940, when Italy entered the war and there is no going back on it. Even those who made the choice realise that.

One must remember that there is a point beyond which the human being says "Nothing can be worse than what I have seen and suffered." And many Italians are saying that. The situation cannot get much worse, or if it does, the suffering cannot be much greater. So Italians will carry on, and if any other foreign statesman comes along they will cheer for him.

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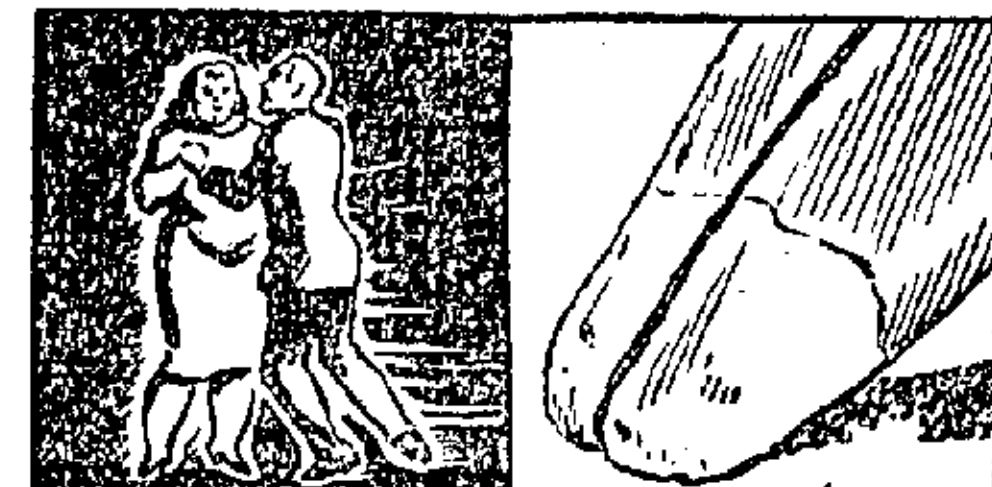


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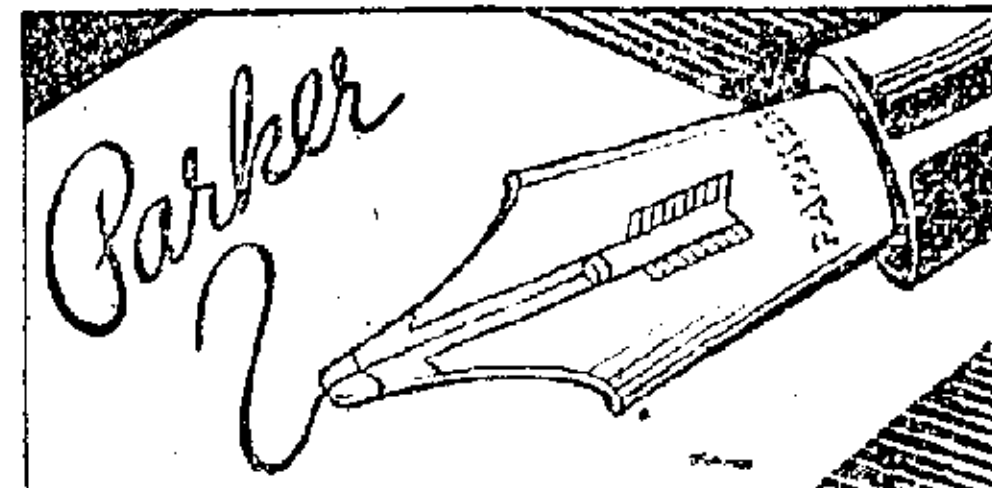
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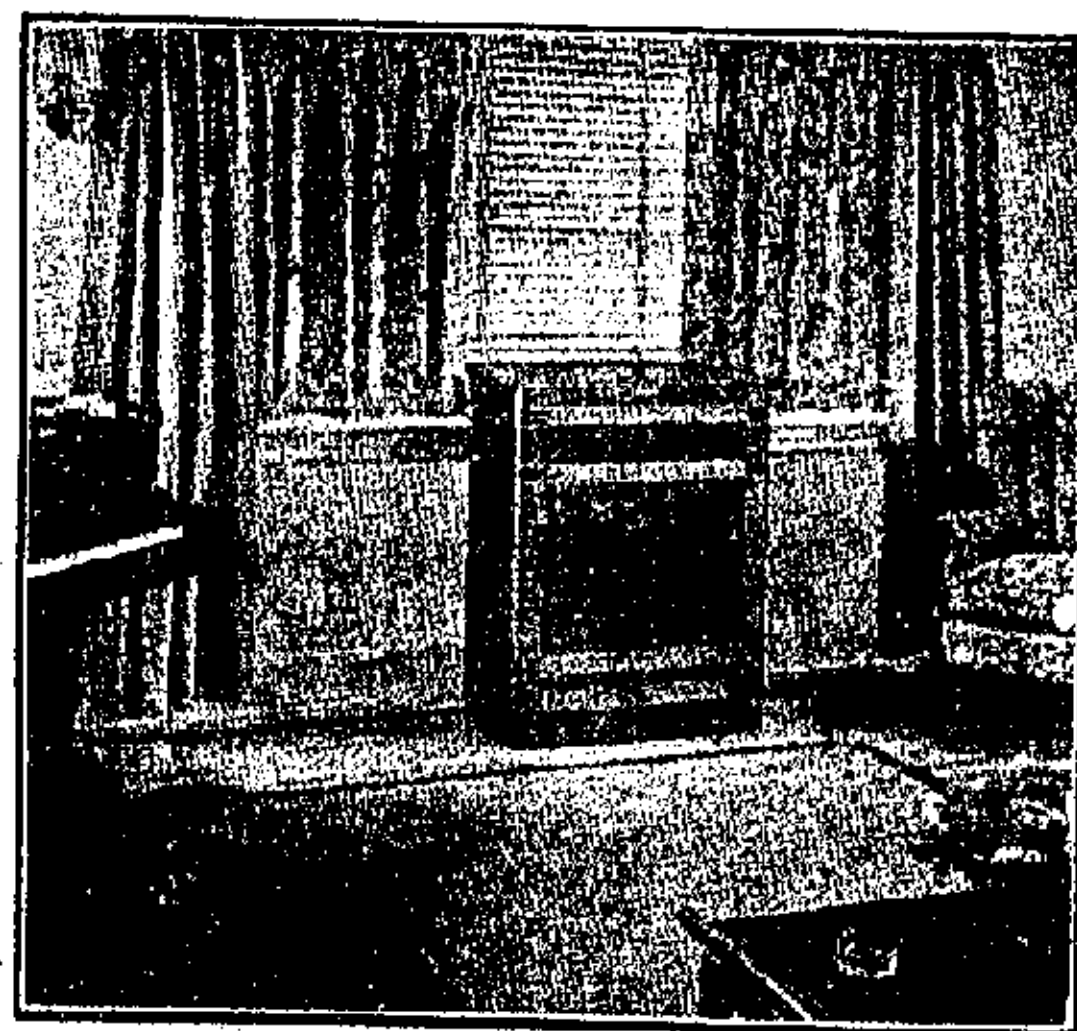
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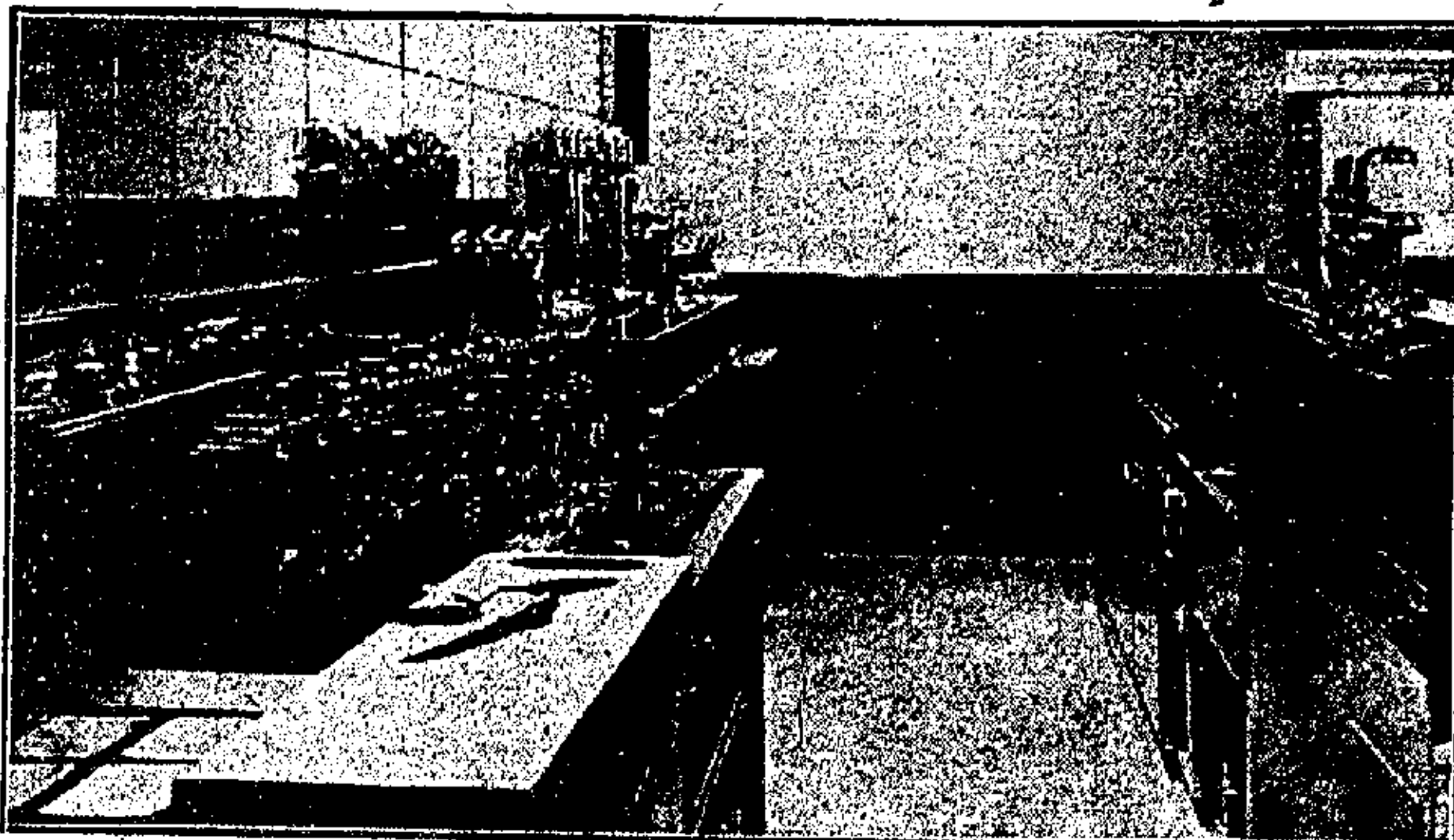
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THE attention of the Department for the Maintenance of the National Morale has been drawn to the following heart-breaking report by a daily paper to have been written from the lips of Lord Woolton:

"I found that better-off people had many more difficulties than working-class women. They told me how difficult it was not to be able to 'phone and get what they wanted."

The lower orders (said the Director of the Department, Mr. Yaffle)—the lower orders, as they gently put it, their butterfly course through life, on a butterfly's wing, never give a thought to the sufferings of those who know they have a right to the best of everything, but cannot get it.

What should they know, those lucky souls who live on bread and margarine, of the hardships of those whose five-course dinners have been reduced to three?

Those irresponsible, happy-go-lucky parasites who live on the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table—what should they know of the agonies of the rich man himself, when he finds that his table is not so full as it was?

Yesterday, I sat by the bedside of a man whose valet had been obliged to turn on his own bath-water. "Exhaustion," the doctors called it; but I knew it was his soul that suffered.

To-morrow, (for the Yaffle News Service waits for no man) I sat by the bedside of a woman who had phoned the grocers for supplies, and had been told she'd better call round and see what there was.

What were her tortures of mind and body, as she stood for the first time in a draughty shop, waiting, as like as not, for some coarse and common person to be served first?



She had faced the ordeal with silent fortitude, restraining with iron resolution the impulse to lie on the floor and scream. She had not scratched the grocer's face, nor kicked the other shoppers on the shins.

But the ordeal proved too much for a constitution already undermined by three meals a day, a luxury spring-mattress and a telephone. At the sight of that phone that could not be used, something seemed to snap within her, and whispering "The screw!" she threw three fits and died.

"Death from exposure," the doctors said; but I knew her spirit was broken.

Daily, these tragedies occur in our midst and pass unnoticed by the thoughtless crowd. The other day, as I read a newspaper advertisement for 11 servants for a family of three, I thought, "What if they can only get six?" and the tears came into my eyes as I reflected, "Nobody cares."

The truth of the matter is, there is no Equality of Sacrifice. Wherever we (Lord W. and I) look, we see how the war bears more heavily upon the upper than upon the lower female orders.

Take this matter of shopping. To the working-class woman, accustomed to feeding (I use the word in its broadest sense) a family on 5s. a week per head in normal times of peace and prosperity, it makes no difference if the shops are half empty. She would spend more if they were full.

But the woman who has plenty of money and cannot find anything to spend it on suffers from a sense of frustration unknown to the happy dispossessed. Her self-expression is thwarted, her soul is cramped. She feels like a caterpillar that cannot turn into a butterfly, or worse—like a butterfly that has gone back into a caterpillar. And that, naturalists tell me, is a very nasty thing to be.

That is why no one of consequence in Europe, either on the side of the Axis or on the other side, imagines for one moment that peace can now be restored by negotiation and collaboration with the new order. The hatred implanted in Europe—not only by the acts of the conqueror himself but by his victims who have had to betray one another and to be rent by treason within—is the kind of hatred which would make entirely unworkable any settlement negotiated with the conqueror. No one knows that better than Hitler himself; the notion is fantastic, though it is held by some official Frenchmen, that with the restoration of "peace," France would now regain her independence. It is conceivable that Hitler would willingly move out of France and let Frenchmen begin to call their souls their own, and to prepare themselves for the revival of France?

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That is why a Frenchman is a fool if he does not pray for a British victory. And that is why France will never again believe in itself enough to restore itself, if in the end the French do not participate in a British victory. This is what the Greeks and the Norwegians and the Poles and the Czechs and the Dutch and the Belgians have seen. They have seen that to submit is not to be saved but to be systematically destroyed.

They have seen also, and this will in the end prove to be even more important, that no nation can be saved by others unless it also saves itself. They are the realists and they know the lessons of history and the real nature of man when they insist that the soul of a nation is greater than its territory, and that to live and to fight in freedom, though in exile, is to preserve their nations most truly, most enduringly, most surely.

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But the betrayal of the Greeks was only the beginning. In order to consummate this betrayal the

Yugoslav people were asked to choose either to surrender their independence or to divide their country and plunge it into a civil war. If they decided to surrender their independence, they were to oust their patriots and find new rulers to break the national resistance and deliver the country to Hitler. Since these new rulers were necessarily insignificant and incompetent men, hated by the people, they could not govern the country without Nazi troops to enforce the new order. This capitulation, as in the case of Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria, to military occupation.

Thus the price of admission to the new order is first dishonour, which robs a people of its self-respect, then disunion, and finally the systematic destruction of the nation itself. When the Nazi conquerors have occupied a nation, they have still to deal with

By **WALTER LIPPMAN**

the nation's will to be free. For, or not, there is no people which has voluntarily joined the new order, none which does not wait and pray for liberation, none which does not conspire to overthrow the new order and get rid of the occupying forces and the Gestapo and the propagandists and the swarms of little tyrants and camp followers out for loot.

Because no people can be found which wishes to belong to the new order, the trouble of occupying the conquered countries is very great. The only way, known to the conquerors, of perpetuating their rule is to proceed with the systematic destruction of all institutions, all groups, all individuals who can speak for the nation, can lead it, can organise its resistance. Thus they close the universities, persecute the churches, dissolve the political parties, capture the press, liquidate the cultural societies, the trade unions, the professional associations, and they take possession of the banks and business enterprises; when they cannot seduce and corrupt, they execute or imprison or terrorise or exile the political men and the teachers and the executives and all others to whom the people can look for comfort and guidance. In different countries they proceed at a different

pace; the process of systematic destruction of the national structure has proceeded faster in Poland than in Norway and faster in Norway than in the Netherlands and faster in the Netherlands than in France. But it proceeds in all these countries. For the new order, incapable of ruling by consent and unable perpetually to rule by overwhelming force, can hope to rule in the long run only by such deep destruction of the nations that their resistance and revival will be long postponed.

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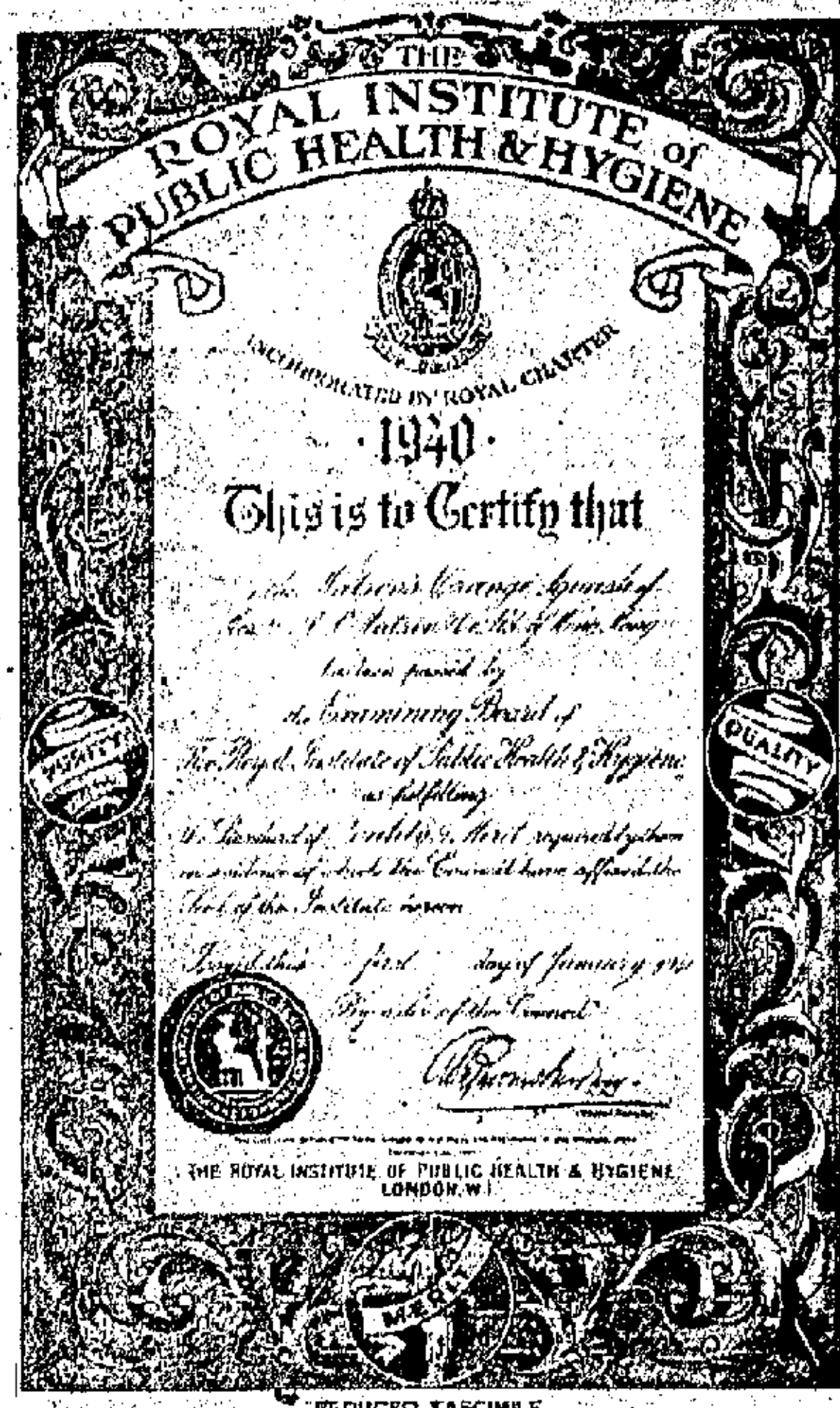
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CYRENAICA

The greater part of Cyrenaica has been yielded to the German armoured units almost as suddenly as it was taken. Considering the high moral value of the completion of its conquest in February, considering the use which German propaganda can make of the success of their operations in order to soften the shock of the final collapse in East Africa and the creation of a new theatre of war in the Balkans, it can be inferred that General Wavell did not give up the Libyan province because he wanted to. Differing vastly from the defeat which General Wavell inflicted upon the Italians, it is nevertheless a reverse, and those of us who cheered the entry into Benghazi two months ago can hardly pretend otherwise.

But it is reassuring evidence of British ability to stick to the main issues. The original attack on Graziani's armies was launched for the strategic purpose of making Egypt secure. For that it was not necessary to go on to Benghazi, nor was it necessary to hold on to Benghazi. It was the spectacular success of the initial stages which led to Benghazi and the complete destruction of Graziani's offensive power.

Capture of the Cyrenaican capital gave General Wavell a base for a powerful offensive initiative. He could go on to Tripoli, he could threaten Sicily, he could switch the weight of British effort to the Balkans. For the first two, Benghazi would have provided a vital base. Sir John Dill and Sir Archibald Wavell chose the third; and the yielding of Cyrenaica is interesting confirmation of the thoroughness with which they have done so. Britain's leaders are not diverting men or effort for prestige reasons from what they have taken as their main task.

It is impossible to do everything, it is solid generalship to waste nothing on non-essentials. The swift loss of Cyrenaica (except Tobruk) is a reverse, but one may read into it something of the same judgment and steadiness which, at home, have enabled the British people to watch the indiscriminate devastation of their cities night after night without once veering from the methodical course of avoiding militarily valueless reprisals, of husbanding reserves, of pounding systematically away at the weakest spots in the enemy's war potential, of never being diverted from the main issue.

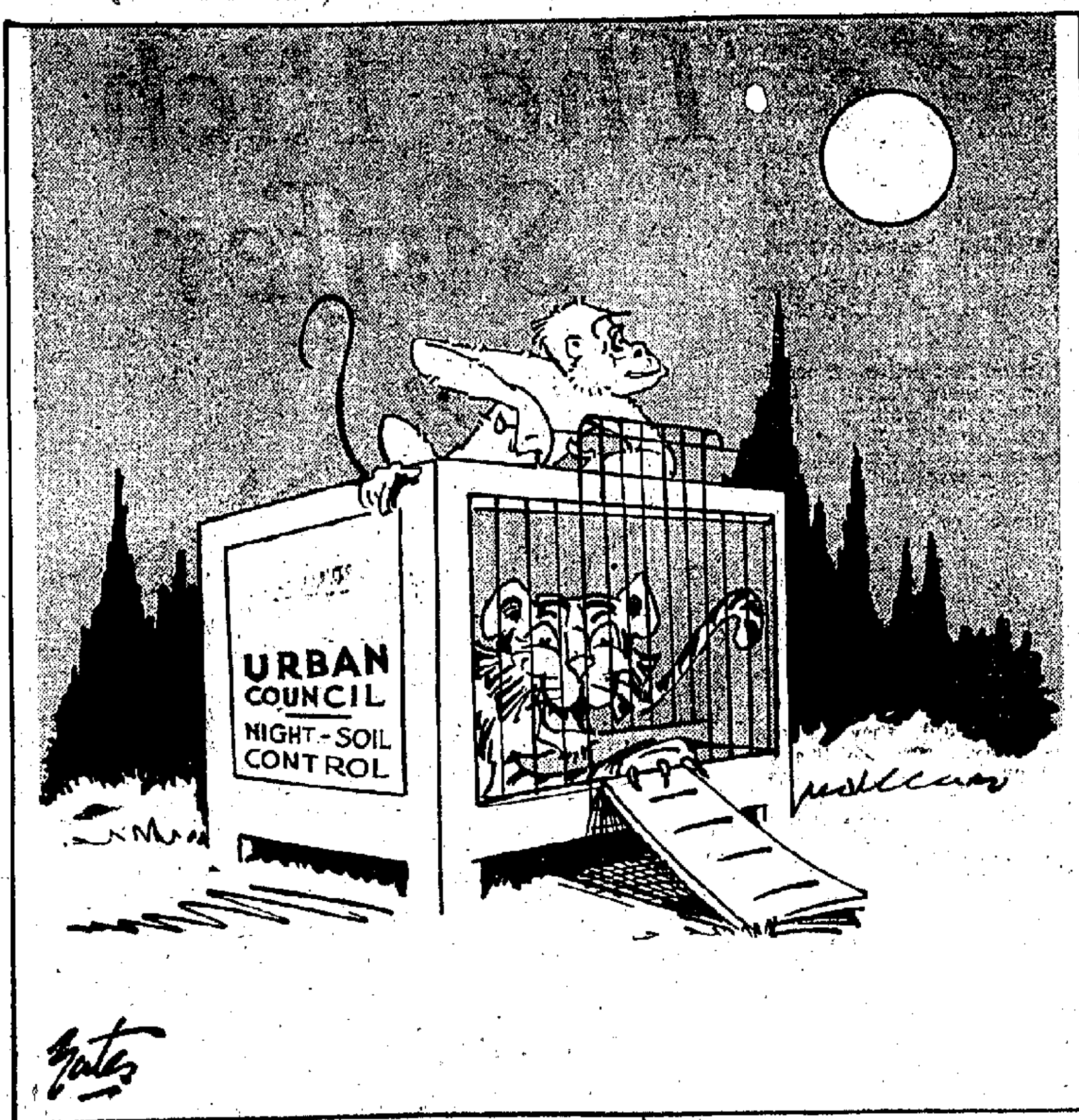
It is a valuable military quality.

MANILA TALKS

The conferences in Manila between Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, American military authorities and Dr. van Kleeffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, have been put in their proper perspective by official statements discounting speculation on the significance of the talks in the way of co-relating defence measures in the Pacific.

The highest at which the importance of the meetings can be put is that with the fortuitous presence in Manila at one time of the British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, and high Netherlands officials, an exchange of information was a natural and logical consequence of a situation in Eastern Asia increasingly clarified and emphasised by events.

American and British interests in Asia run parallel towards a common objective, the freedom of Oriental peoples to work out their own salvation untrammelled by the domination of a power which would subordinate their welfare to selfish purposes of its own. In Singapore, where Sir Robert has his headquarters, Britain holds the key citadel to the defences. It is equipped to accommodate naval forces far in excess of those available at the moment. The United States has a large fleet in the Pacific but lacks the facilities which Singapore alone can provide. An exchange of information as to available resources in case of need was highly desirable. Doubtless such an exchange took place in Manila.



MONKEY BUSINESS?

UNION NOW?

WE are too much in the war, too keen to hear the latest news, and to wonder what the next move may be, for our minds easily to take in the wider meaning of events which we feel to be weighty yet have little leisure to reflect upon.

One such event is the "lease-and-lend" Act, embodying President Roosevelt's conviction that the fullest material and moral aid to the British cause will be the safest and the most economical policy the United States can pursue.

These things are fairly clear in our minds. Less clear is our sense of what has been happening in the United States to make the "lease-and-lend" policy feasible. It is strange, though true, that the British people as a whole know very little of the United States, and that the people of the United States know or, until recently, knew even less of Britain.

What the late Lord Balfour whimsically called the obstacle of "an approximately common language" has been a real hindrance to reciprocal understanding. A far greater hindrance has been the "ancient enmities" of which Owen Wister wrote some 20 years ago—grievances derived from the American War of Independence against us and from a dozen episodes we have ignored or forgotten, whereas they bulk large in American history books and traditions.

A little story I have sometimes told will bear re-telling on this point. In the autumn of 1927 I was in Philadelphia, where some prominent citizens showed me much kindness.

One of them was my guide and instructor on a visit to Independence Hall, the scene of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Hall, a fine Queen Anne building, stands at one end of a large open space known as Independence Square. My guide was very tactful. His every word and gesture showed anxiety not to hurt my English feelings.

Then he took me to luncheon at the Franklin Club with a number of other Philadelphians, noticed the same tactfulness. So presently I said: "Philadelphia is a fine city. But I think there is just one thing wrong with some of your public buildings. One of them, at any rate, strikes me as being a little 'too-sided'."

My hosts were astonished. They assured me that their buildings were about as perfect as good architects and builders could make them. Then I went on:

"Take your Independence Hall, for example. It looks very handsome and 'top-sided' on that big square. Why don't you put up another building to balance it at the other end of the square, in the same Queen Anne style, if you like, and adorn it with this inscription: 'To the British Commonwealth of Nations, founded here on July 4, 1776.'"

My hosts looked at each other and then burst into laughter. "Quick in the up-take," as most Americans are, they saw my meaning. It was true that the lesson we learned by the revolt of

the American colonies against George III, and Lord North, taught us to avoid similar mistakes in the future; and indeed possible the free association of democratic communities known as the British Commonwealth.

It is true that feeling in the United States has long been more friendly to the British Dominions, especially Canada, as well as to Australia and New Zealand, than it has been to Great Britain or "England."

Now, in this war, a great number of American citizens have for the first time "discovered" "England," and the single exception of Eire, they have seen the Dominions stand by "the Mother Country," unbitten and with one accord.

They have seen the English, the Scots, and the Welsh fight on our side, and the Welsh fight on our side, and the Welsh fight on our side, and the Welsh fight on our side.

Even last August and September they would not afford better than our Air Force had decisively defeated the Germans. They had been told that Britain and the British Navy were America's "first line of defence," but they had doubted whether the line could or would hold.

This was why President Roosevelt took special pains to send trustworthy military, naval, and political observers to Britain so that he might not be misled either by that hue-and-bear of American minds, "British propaganda," or by inadequate and inaccurate re-

ports from an Ambassador like Mr. Joseph Kennedy.

I have the best reason to know that President Roosevelt himself has always believed in us and has wished to help us. His efforts go back at least as far as October 3, 1937, when, in a famous speech in Chicago, he began to warn his own people that neutrality and peace might be incompatible. And he was seriously disappointed when his good will and foresight evoked a poor response from London. Our "appeasement" policy appalled him.

He had to educate, and to leave events to educate, his own public opinion. The isolationists, unconsciously influenced by German propaganda, had tied his hands with the Neutrality Act.

He sincerely wished, he still wishes, to save the United States from war. Yet he saw from the outset that this would be possible only through a British victory.

Before going further he had to make sure of his own re-election. In the not distant future he saw looming up a grave danger. It was that British financial resources might not be equal to the strain of buying from the United States all the war supplies Britain would need, that then the odious question would arise of further loans to a country which had defaulted on its earlier war debt, and that effective Anglo-American co-operation might be wrecked on this half-sunken rock.

A stroke of genius was needed. It took the form of the "lease-and-lend" proposal, designed, as President Roosevelt said, to "cut out the financial nonsense."

He found an apt metaphor. When a neighbour's house is on fire, he explained, one does not bargain with him about the price of one's hosepipe. One lends him the hosepipe, and when the fire is put out, he returns the hosepipe in good repair, or replaces it. The "lease-and-lend" Bill represents the hosepipe principle.

It does more. It marks the beginning of a new era in Anglo-American relations. It recognises, in Mr. Winston Churchill's words, that British and American affairs are going to be somewhat mixed up together in future, and that (without over-careful bargaining) Anglo-American co-operation will "just keep rolling along."

How far and how mighty this stream will roll no man can yet foresee. One thing only seems clear. It will not be dammed back or turned aside.

THIS WEEK

As was foreseen, the storm of the Nazi attack rages in all fronts at once. In the Atlantic, in the Balkans, the towns and cities of Great Britain, and to a lesser extent, at the gateway to Egypt, Hitler's battering-ram pounds with every ounce of weight that can be exerted. The final outcome of the war is probably today at hazard as never yet, and requirements are plain. Heavier ordnance than have yet been borne may have to be faced with unbreakable endurance. We face the crucial test, the violence and extent of which cannot yet be fully gauged. If, however, we are aware that it will stretch our courage and our capacity to their limit, we know also that the savagery of the Hitler onslaught is limited in time. If Hitler does not gain his victory this summer, it can never be his.

Libyan Hold-Up

ALL the news has not been bad for Libya, the onrush of the Nazi panzer divisions has been halted at Tobruk, the British garrison there is holding out.

Libyan lines of communications and attempts to reduce it have been severely mauled. Sailed at Sollum, the German-Italian force is being whittled down by offensive patrole and deadly naval bombardment, and the brilliant naval coup which destroyed in its entirety a convoy of five supply ships and three Italian escorting warships must jeopardise Axis plans to recover the initiative and forward impetus.

What began as a diversion to prevent British reinforcement of the army in the Balkans may prove a shattering boomerang if the Anglo-Greek line holds in Macedonia.

Mass Slaughter

So far, the Allied defence lines in Greece have held magnificently. There has been nothing like it in the military annals of this war. Every resource of the German High Command has been exploited. The colossal weight of the German panzer divisions has been thrown at point after point seeking a way through, and has found none. Massed attacks by crack infantry divisions, the flower of the German Reichswehr, have been launched to mass slaughter in wave upon wave, in attempts to clear a way for the tanks at key points in the line. Ground has been conceded, but the Allied Command has chosen its own moments for withdrawal to new positions.

Keys To Thessaly

The Australians and the British troops, holding two of the three key passes into the Plain of Thessaly, and the heroic Greeks, holding the third, have added glorious pages to their record. Sober thought, however, stresses that the great battle, which may decide the fate of Greece, is not ended, that the situation remains grave, if it has not yet become critical. It is manifestly too soon for any form of jubilation. The comfort that can be drawn from the effort of grimly determined men, who without a single flinching stroke, have suggested that a full-stop can be called to the course of unchecked Hitler victories, and whose audacious defence has inflicted terrible blows upon the panzer divisions, does not mean that an adequate answer has been found to the new strategy of mechanised warfare.

Yugoslav Tragedy

The Allied task in Greece has been heavily complicated and increased by the collapse of organised resistance in Yugoslavia, where the great spirit of the Serbs has been physically overwhelmed. They fought heroically, but the

Relentless Attack

Out of the wreck of Yugoslavia hordes of German troops have been sent to increase the pressure on the Greeks in Albania and the Allied lines in Northern Greece. How violent is the onslaught may be judged by the employment of ten divisions against the Australian positions on Mount Olympus. All the evidence confirms the grim conclusion that Hitler means to go through undeterred by the sacrificial losses of his picked troops. Everything, therefore, depends upon the ability of the Allied armies to sustain continuous relentless attacks while the German war machine wears itself into exhaustion. Already the tale is an epic. If we can stage another Thermopylae, it will ring through the ages. But it would be folly to expect more at this moment than this: that every inch of ground gained by the Hun will cost him dear.

East Africa Ended

General Sir Archibald Wavell's grave problems have been eased by the German aerial bombardment in East Africa. Some bodies of Italian troops are still at large, waning in the fastnesses of Abyssinia, but no focal-point of further resistance exists. Capitulation comes as pursuit catches up. Arrival in General Cunningham's camp of an envoy from the Duke of Aosta has not yet produced the expected sequel, but the Duke made his real stand at Keren. He knows he cannot make another.

Barbaric Raid

More than in Greece, the acute stage that the war has now reached was demonstrated by the ruthless German aerial bombardment of London on Wednesday. The Luftwaffe launched a fury of death and destruction unparalleled. The deathroll was heavy and included famous men. How frightful was the ordeal is suggested, perhaps by the instant demand of wrathful Londoners for reprisals on the same scale, and while the British Government declines to depart from a policy of reserving bombs for points where they will do most to win the war, it was no coincidence that Berlin targets were chosen for Thursday's raid on a scale equally unprecedented in ferocity. The word 'reprisal' is eschewed, but at least Berliners were forcibly reminded that the R.A.F. can hit back and hit hard.

Grim Prospect

Prospects of increasing raid violence are developing disturbingly. Britain has found it necessary to warn that Rome will be methodically reduced if the Nazis carry out threats to bomb Athens and Cairo. All competent opinion fears that the policy of reprisals may be forced upon Britain, to assuage the anger of the British people, if there is no restraint in German war upon civilians.

Unceasing Contest

Of the Battle of the Atlantic less than ever is known. Losses are to be announced weekly. Both Britain and the United States, however, recognise that the shipping struggle remains the most serious aspect of the war. Tonnage is being sunk faster than it is being built, and we do not know the cost to the Germans, beyond the fact that "Gneisenau" and "Scharnhorst" seem to be out of action. The United States is contributing by organising air bases in Greenland, permitting ships to go to the Red Sea, taking over shipping routes in the Pacific, transferring ships to Britain and repairing British warships in American yards. There is nothing to suggest we cannot outlast the period of peril.

New Riddle

Mr. Matsuo's present from Moscow, a neutrality pact, added a riddle instead of solving one. And study of the text furnishes no clue. The unknown quantities are two: first, the mutual undertakings which permitted conclusion of the agreement, secondly, the faith attached to the value of the signatures. Without some indication on these points, it is difficult to assess what either has gained.

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Battle Of Ideas:

The Riddle Of Russia

By "Pertinax"

ONCE more we are face to face with the Russian sphinx, for decisive days in the Balkans are drawing nearer and nearer. In the past, Russia's rulers always regarded the Balkan peninsula as part of that eastern Roman empire they strove to rebuild. But the Russia of 1941, confronted with the high tide of German conquest, looks on unconcerned.

The only step to be recorded as a faint sign that, eventually, Russia might drop her mask of indifference to Nazi expansion was the written assurance given on March 24 to the Ankara government that it could rely upon its northern neighbour's benevolent neutrality if engaged in a defensive war. A defensive war! It means that the German Army could advance to Adrianople before it needs bother about what Moscow has in mind.

From this outward passivity, it is to be inferred that the new Balkan dispensation does not deeply disturb Stalin and his advisers? Having recovered their country's former frontiers in Bessarabia and, in addition, bagged Northern Bukovina, once a possession of the Habsburg monarchy, are they well pleased with

their lot? No. It cannot be. The heirs to Lenin know that no plan of continental self-sufficiency even can be set up which does not include Russian minerals and cereals. They do not overlook the fact that, if ever permanently installed on the Rumanian and Bulgarian seaboard, the Germans would be in position to strike at the Caucasus and at the Ukraine. But, then, must we look upon them as frightened accomplices of Hitler who must obey him?

By no means: numerous indications point the other way. On Sept. 28, 1939, Berlin and the Moscow governments pledged themselves to consult together whenever the action of either might clash with the interests of the other. But what about the enforcement of that obligation? Last November, Hitler had to admit that German-Russian relations could not safely be trusted to continue within the cracked framework of the agreement of September, 1939. He used Molotov's visit to Berlin to urge the Soviet Union to become a party to the German-Italian-Japanese treaty of September 27, 1940—the cornerstone of the "new order" in vain.

Having told the Germans that he could not condescend to append Russia's signature to the Tripartite treaty unless all outstanding questions with Japan had been settled previously, Stalin submitted to the Tokyo government far-reaching territorial claims. As a consequence, Foreign Minister Matsuo went to Berlin as a political necessity, to ask for formal assurance that were Japan to enter the war against Great Britain and the United States Germany would make it her business to keep Russia under control. Such a course of action would be the opposite of Hitler's wish not to antagonise Russia while the struggle goes on against the Anglo-Saxon world.

With these facts as a basis of approach, the forthcoming reactions of Germany and Russia toward each other can be dimly forecast. Assuming that Stalin has retained the outlook of a full-fledged Bolshevik, he may conceivably consider that the destruction of England, and of the United States, the pillars of Western civilisation, must take precedence over every other aim. Then a common purpose might conceivably bind together for a time the

National Socialist and the Communist dictators, although their cooperation could hardly be more than a passing phase.

But if the Russian policy is to be interpreted in accordance with the principles of the balance of power rather than with the requirements of a world-wide Communist crusade, then the German and the Slav empires are more likely to part from each other than to cooperate.

At the same time Stalin, even if convinced of the superior latent strength of England and America, must see to it that they do not achieve victory and tackle the task of resettling Europe and the world before their resources have suffered a high degree of exhaustion. He is determined to wrest from them the highest possible terms at the end of the conflict—at least full recognition of Russia's imperial frontier. Russian policy is now being put to the test by the Turkish government anxious to submit to a common plan of resistance to Germany under British guidance and to turn to the best possible use the American Lend-Lease Act. In a few days we may know more.

NAVAL CLASHES IN ATLANTIC COMING? German Use Of Surface Craft In Battle Now Being Waged

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet, at a British naval base)

AS SPRING ADVANCES THE TEMPO OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC IS QUICKENING, AND ALREADY THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE GERMANS, IN THE FAST FEW WEEKS, HAVE BEEN MAKING GREATER USE OF THEIR NAVY THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE WAR BEGAN.

ITALIAN GENERAL LEFT FOR DEAD

Many more prisoners have been captured in Abyssinia, including General Graziosi, who was taken south-east of Adomg and taken to hospital at Addis Ababa suffering from severe wounds.

The General was left for dead by his troops after an air attack on Miesso. — British Wireless.

ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN

Two enemy fighters were put out of action by R.A.F. bombers on Thursday night's Berlin raid, one on its way to Berlin and the other on its way home. — British Wireless.

In addition to a large number of U-boats they are employing merchant raiders and service warships, and Germany will doubtless make a supreme effort to stem the increased flow of war exports from America to Britain resulting from the Lend Act.

The Royal Navy, besides protecting convoys, may be expected to hit back at the raiders. Improved weather conditions will enable the enemy to intensify air attacks on British shipping.

Lengthening days and shorter nights may force the Germans to rely less on U-boats and more on surface raiders, this being to Britain's advantage as submarines are notoriously harder to track down and sink than surface vessels.

But, whatever the Germans do, the Navy is fully alive to the position and is confident in its ability to counter Germany's sea offensive.

Clearly the enemy will make every effort to nullify, or at least reduce, the value of America's mounting aid to Britain, and because of its widespread responsibilities the Navy has fewer ships available than could have been wished for in the intensified Battle of the Atlantic, but its resources nevertheless are sufficient.

Balance Of Power

It is reasonable to expect, too, that the capturing of Mussolini's navy will affect the balance of power in the Atlantic.

THE BATTERING RECEIVED BY THE ITALIAN FLEET, WHOSE ROLE WAS TO PIN DOWN A POWERFUL SECTION OF THE BRITISH NAVY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD RELEASE SOME OF OUR MEDITERRANEAN WARSHIPS FOR WORK IN OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING THE ATLANTIC.

The Fleet Air Arm, for example, should now be able to play a growing part in this sphere and make the life of German raiders more precarious.

Important technical advances in various branches of warfare — most of them highly secret — are yet another factor in Britain's favour.

Above all, the Navy has the inevitable advantages of long training, incomparable experience and high morale.

Chances Of Encounters

Another reason why the Atlantic is likely to see growing naval activity is that a large number of warships is being built up by British yards, and no doubt also in Germany and in occupied countries.

As these ships come into commission the chances of encounters increase.

In addition to new destroyers and cruisers there are the mighty 35,000-ton battleships of the "King George V" class. The ship after which the class is named has already proved that she is the fastest British battleship, as well as being very formidable, being armed with ten 14-inch guns, 16 5.25-inch guns and multiple pom-poms, and provided with protection against underwater attacks that surpasses any previous standard.

New Aircraft-Carriers

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The smashing successes of naval attacks in the Mediterranean and elsewhere indicate what important part these new aircraft-carriers are destined to play in the intensified war at sea.

Forces at the enemy's disposal include battleships and at least one heavy cruiser.

Brest Attacks

Among the battleships — which by now may have been damaged by air attacks on Brest — are the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, both of 26,000 tons. Their main armament includes nine 11-inch guns and they also carry 12 5.9-inch, 14 4.1-inch and 16 37-millimetre guns.

The Tirpitz and Bismarck, by far the biggest warships ever built by Germany, were also expected to be in commission early this year. They displace 35,000 tons and have eight 15-inch, 12 5.9-inch and 16 4.1-inch guns. Designed speed is probably 30 knots. There is also the Admiral Scheer, 10,000-ton pocket battleship, of the same class as the Graf Spee, and at least one heavy cruiser of the Hipper class. — Reuter.

R.A.F. GIVES NO RESPITE IN LIBYA

Motor transport, concentrations of enemy troops, landing grounds, stores and dumps in Cyrenaica were bombed repeatedly by the R.A.F. and considerable damage was caused.

At Derna, bombs fell among a number of enemy aircraft dis-



When he paid a visit recently to Southampton and Portsmouth, the Prime Minister was accompanied by Mr. Henry Hopkins (President Roosevelt's envoy) and got a fine reception from both places. Here the Prime Minister is shown inspecting Free French sailors in Portsmouth dockyard.

EPIC TALE PIERCES VEIL ON ATLANTIC WAR

NO FINER STORY HAS BEEN TOLD OF THE ATLANTIC THAN THAT OF THE "SAN CONRADO," SHIP OF A LINE OF WHICH TWO VESSELS, "SAN DEMETRIO" AND "SAN ALBERTO," HAVE ALREADY MADE HISTORY FOR THE MERCANTILE MARINE.

No better tribute can be paid the "San Conrado" than that of her captain: "No man deserted his post. They stood at their guns and fought as long as their guns could fire. The engines were crippled and the engine room flooding but the engineers stood by."

The "San Conrado," it was disclosed in London yesterday, was attacked by three German aircraft. Captain Rutherford, who had not been to bed for two nights, had just had breakfast and was going to the bridge just in time for the second attack.

As he reached the deck, he was blown down by blast from a bomb which had exploded close to the ship's side. Picking himself up he made his way to the bridge just in time for the second attack.

He found the engines out of action, the steering gear broken and the wireless aerial down. The ship was attacked six times and fought back for 35 minutes, driving off her enemies. She was, however, badly damaged and several of the crew wounded.

As she was apparently settling by the stern the captain gave the order to abandon ship.

Though they pulled hard for two hours the sea was so rough that they made little headway. It was all they could do to keep the boat's head up to wind and sea, and the "San Conrado" was still clearly in sight when they were picked up by one of H.M. Ships to whom they transferred their wounded.

Returned To Ship

Captain Rutherford, seeing his ship still afloat, then told the captain of the escort vessel he intended to return to her, asking him to stand by to tow if possible.

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM HIS CREW HE GOT MORE THAN NEEDED AND SET OUT. HE TOOK THE SECOND AND THIRD OFFICERS ONLY WITH HIM ON BOARD AND MADE THE BOAT'S CREW LIE OFF.

After an inspection of his ship the Captain decided that there was a good chance of getting her in, so these three men prepared towing wires, first running her cargo of oil from one tank to another so as to get the ship on an even keel.

In Greece our aircraft continued offensive patrols, during one of which a ME109 was shot down.

On other fronts there is little of importance to report. From all these operations our aircraft returned safely. — British Wireless.

General Mobbed In Delight

Stories are beginning to come through of incidents connected with the dramatic recovery for a Free Abyssinia of its capital after five years of Italian occupation.

One story tells how a British General was mobbed by delighted Abyssinians when the flag of the Lion of Judah was again hoisted over the Gebi Palace at Addis Ababa.

There were remarkable scenes at this ceremony. Many of the people who had come in from the surrounding country to welcome the British troops kissed the ground in their joy. Their feeling was expressed by one chieftain who declared: "If I were to die now I should not mind, for life can hold nothing equal to this moment." — British Wireless.

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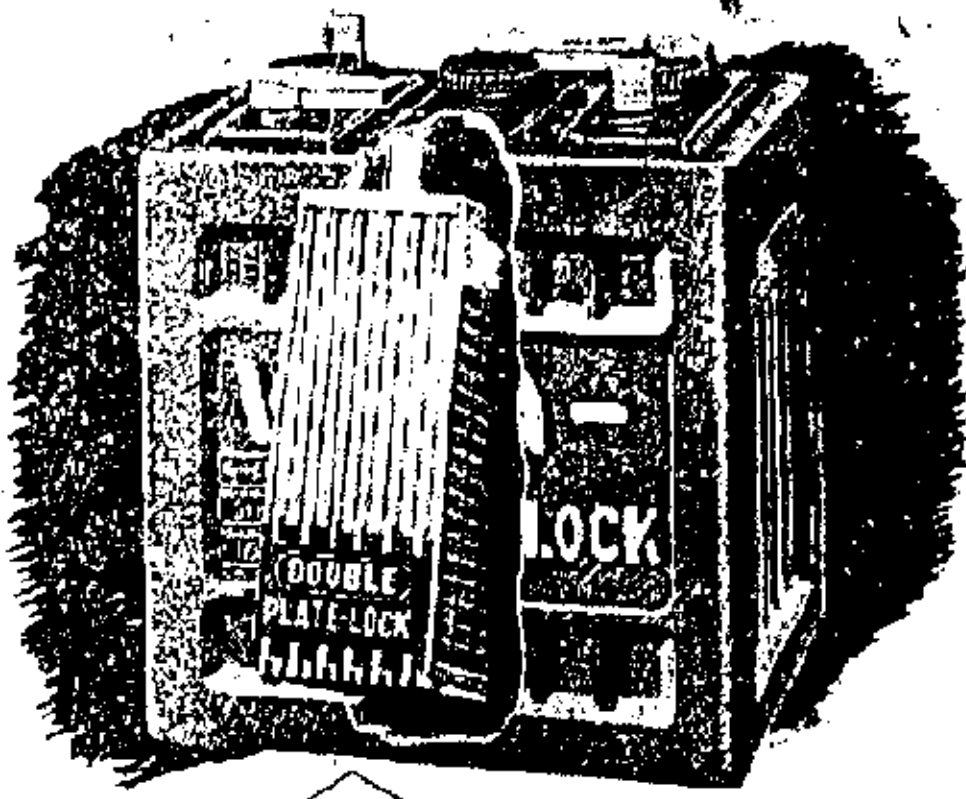


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SHORT STORY

By E. F. McCARTHY

SHE came padding down the stairs with fell, soled feet and stopped outside the glass door that led from the bar to the living quarters above. I opened the door and she came in, a short round little woman with a red face and glittering black eyes, carrying a trayful of cups of tea. She put the tray on the counter and stood smiling at us. Someone called Jack, the head barman, and he came up through the trapdoor from the cellar, a big man wearing blue serge trousers, stiff with spilled beer, and a muck-skin apron.

"Good mornin', Ma," he said, "been on the spree again last night?"

She smiled at him roguishly. "What about the Old Woman's little drop?"

It was the same every morning: she brought us down our first cup of tea when we were cleaning the bar and went away with a glass of rum for herself.

She must have been sixty-five or seventy years old, and she had worked all her life. At eleven, she had been a scullery maid in one of the big houses in Seymour Square, at forty, a cook in a Bloomsbury boarding house. She married then, but was back at work within a year supporting a shiftless husband. I don't think he lived very long. She seldom spoke of him. When I first went to work in the big public house in North London, she had already been there a year. She cooked all our meals and cleaned our quarters. Sometimes a pale mousy little woman, we called Pop, came to help her; more often, she managed alone. She never spent an evening in the house above the bar, always she went out to the neighbouring public houses and, as often as not, came back, not drunk, but

slightly merry, at supper time. But our meals were always ready for us.

I was eighteen then and I used to barter the glass of beer we were allowed at supper time for a cup of her strong tea. I think she was sorry for me, too. She often did little jobs for me, sewing on a button, or mending a shirt. Often in the afternoon, when the bar was closed, I used to sit in the upstairs kitchen with her and talk. Sometimes she'd tell me bawdy stories, sometimes

were turned out at three o'clock. We stood outside in the afternoon sunshine talking for some time, and then they left me to look for an eating house that sold jellied eels.

After that, the Old Woman and I became close friends. I think it was because I was the only one in the public house that had met her. She used to talk to me about him every time she could. I don't think she ever mentioned the future; and all the years that had passed after he had left her to go away to sea were blotted

Old Pop cooked our meals for us during the next two days. The old woman stayed away some-where or other; at the Old Man's sister's place, I think.

He was buried at Kensal Rise. None of us from the public house was able to go. Pop said afterwards that there were only four mourners: four women. Herself, his two sisters and the Old Woman. I think she must have been living on rum from the time she left the Cross Keys. Pop said she looked dazed at the grave-side. They stopped at all the public houses along the Harrow Road on

I walked along the Euston Road towards Marylebone. It was a spring day and the crowd was busy about its business. The Duke of Grafton had just turned out and small black knots of people stood talking on the pavement. A little boy, with an old man, examined the bicycles in a shop window near Portland Street. A messenger boy on a bicycle, with both his hands off the handlebars, swerved in and out of the traffic and vanished, whistling shrilly, round the corner of Marylebone High Street. And the Old Woman in its midst, was cut away from it all. I found the bottle in my pocket, and hoped it would bring her forgetfulness for a moment, at least.

The gate closed behind me and I walked up the short broad drive. The door opened and I followed an attendant along a long corridor. The visiting room was clean and bright. I sat on one of the hard-wood chairs that stood around the wall. It was empty except for myself. A door in the far corner of the room opened and a tall middle-aged woman came in. I think she was the matron. She was dressed in blue linen. Clean, cool and hard.

"You wished to see Mrs. Trimmings?" I nodded. "Yes."

"You are a relative of hers?"

"No, a friend."

"I am sorry, Mrs. Trimmings was buried yesterday, yesterday morning. . . . If we had had your address . . . took ill the first evening . . ."

The door closed behind me and I was in the short drive leading to the gate. I walked over to the side and sat down on a wooden bench that stood in front of a clump of dusty laurels, and thought of the Old Woman, I might have asked where she was buried and gone there and put some flowers on her grave. I might have asked how she died. Was she in pain? Was she alone? I might have done something. I fingered the bottle in my pocket and took it out, and swallowed what it held. The rum was hot and silky; it made me think clear, and I prayed for her. Prayed that she was happy. I know she wouldn't like to be an angel or a saint, so I prayed that God would treat her decently, and sensibly; give her a warm little room with a fire in it and a black cat, somewhere where she could ask the Old Man to come and see her; and that she might have plenty of rum to drink and jellied eels to eat. That's the way I prayed. I don't know if it did her any good. It was all I could do for her.

"All I Could Do For Her"

It was only of their young days together in Tilbury, and of the present, she spoke.

The summer went by, and she was worried over his weak chest, and sat in the kitchen knitting vests for him. It was pleasant to sit there in the afternoon when the bar was closed talking to her. There was always a good fire burning behind the bars of the range and the black iron kettle sang and spluttered over before she made the tea.

It was a hard winter. The swift doors of the bar let in cold foggy blasts of air each time they blew open. The hawkers in the market outside looked famished and blue when they came in for their glasses of beer. They sat huddled together near the stove after the market closed for the night and nodded over their glasses. I heard chains on my hands, one of which burst, and the Old Woman used to doctor it for me. On Christmas night we all got drunk after the bar closed. The Old Woman, who had been out to see Billy Mullins, sat in the corner crying and wondering what he was doing. I suppose she was drunk. We all were.

One day early in February a tall skinny woman, dressed all in black, came into the bar and asked for the Old Woman. I opened the counter flap for her and she went upstairs. She was the Old Man's sister and she had come to break the news of his death. He had died quite suddenly. Seventy years spent here and there, drifting about, old and worn, and washed up on the beach, he had been whisked away to a port that he'd never seen before.

The Manager went to the police station and paid her fine. When she came back to the Cross Keys, he told her to pack her bags and get out. When we went upstairs for dinner, she had gone.

She went to live in a tenement near King's Cross Station and tried to keep herself by going out daily as a charwoman, but she was too old for the work. Then she tried sewing. I used to go and see her on my day off duty and take her some rum in a bottle. Sometimes I did not feel like going. I wanted to keep away from the sight of the cheerful little body withering away, but always, I went.

That night she neglected us and we had to get our own supper.

We thought she would leave the Cross Keys and set up in room somewhere with Billy Mullins, but she didn't. She probably knew that she was too old to get another job, and so she stayed with us. But she went to see the Old Man every Wednesday and, took him out. Always, too, she spent Tuesday making cakes and tries to take to him. She was happy in worrying over him.

One day I saw them walking along Marylebone Road arm in arm. He was a thin frail man with bright blue eyes, and I thought that he must have been very good looking in his youth. They were so absorbed in one another that she didn't see me, although I passed quite close to them. He, of course, did not know me.

I turned back and spoke to them, and we went into the Green Man together. We sat in a corner of the saloon bar at a small marble topped table. They had glasses of Burton ale and I had a mild and bitter. I think it must have been about the first time I drank, and I didn't like it. He looked very fragile and broken and spoke in a hushed voice as if he were afraid. He told me of the different places he had been in, China, Malaya, Australia and so on, and she sat looking on proudly, drinking her beer. They had three or four more beers and I had one, before we

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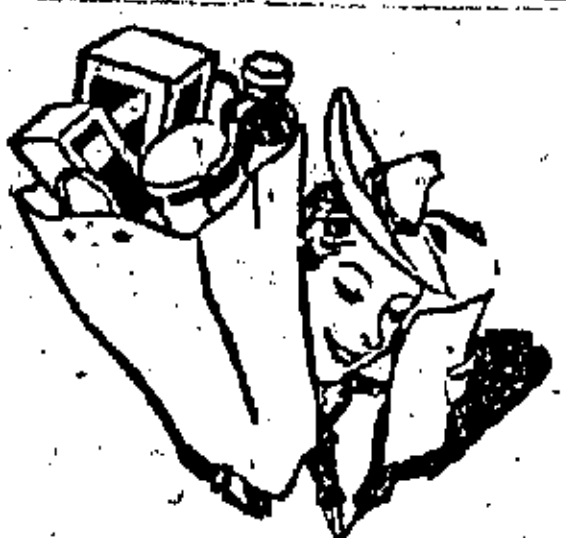
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Desire and power can provide a reply to the question, "Can we stun Berlin with bombs?" But to the problem, "Should we stun Berlin with bombs?" only reason can make answer.

Let us clear the ground of false sentiment.

If it were worth while for Great Britain to deliberately bomb civilian populations — as it was worth while for Hitler in Poland, the Low Countries and France — it is not certain that we would refrain from retaliation. When, in the last war, the Germans used poison gas, we were not restrained from retaliation by the horror of the new weapon.

The immediate, urgent considerations are that our air strength must be —

(a) directed to destroying the enemy's war machine, his productive plant and military stores;

(b) nursed to give air protection to our coming offensive by land and sea.

To thwart these purposes by "political" agitation might easily prove fatal. In the last war, we know, foolish land offensives

By A Woman

leading to colossal losses were launched "to please the people at home." In this war, we also know, the demand, promoted by certain newspapers, to attack Italy long before our preparations were complete, might have led to disaster if the Government had given way to it. To have launched an effort beyond our strength would have delayed our victories in the Mediterranean and prolonged the war indefinitely.

Agitation is as essential in war as in peace. Already it has forced re-organisation in the Army. But the R. A. F. has been consistently competent, especially in its field operations. Its policy has been successful. A wise people do not interfere with a policy which produces results.

Why not follow Hitler's example? Just because we do not pursue Hitler's purpose, which is world domination.

We reject Hitler's purpose. We seek to destroy the Nazis' capacity to wage war. We do not seek to make the victims of the Nazis — ordinary men and women in Germany — fear us.

We seek, and we shall have need of, their cooperation in overthrowing Hitler when once we have broken the sword in the master's hand.

Two final points. The British are a civilised people. Before the war, they had built up the best living standards among all industrial nations, despite the continued existence of preventable poverty; they had created a larger area of freedom than exists anywhere in Europe, and as the Peace Ballot and the last General Election showed, they were concerned about preserving decent standards of conduct by international relations. As a people, we know and hate the savagery which Hitler's war had unleashed. That purpose, and no other, can sustain an Army of Liberation until victory.

FROCK FOR SUMMER



Here you see three attractive hot-weather frocks for morning wear. Carried out in uncrushable fabrics they will prove extremely neat and cool to wear. Note the arrangement of stripes on the first frock and the stitched pleats and zipp on the second. The last has a close-fitting neckline and pockets placed high on the bodice.

Your Beauty Budget

It doesn't matter whether you have five dollars or twenty dollars — important too — waxy foundations are not good for dry skins, neither are sticky liquids. Select a refined oily liquid foundation which quickly disappears when massaged gently onto the skin, or



Girls with oily skin need a bland soap as their most important beauty aid, and possibly a mild astringent which can also serve as make-up foundation. They too need a cleansing cream if they live in a city, but it must be washed off with soap and water instead of by face tissues. Frequent washing of the skin is the best treatment. There are anti-shine powders and lotions which are nice aids, too, providing the natural oil is not too abundant.

For Scalps

Too few girls realise the close relationship between scalp care and face beauty. Dry skin girls benefit when the scalp is kept lubricated daily with a pomade for nourishing tonic and hours of brushing keeps the blood stimulated carrying nourishment to both face and scalp. A good brush is a "must" in beauty care. The oily-skinned sisters find their scalps are oily too — that requires an astringent tonic, a lot of brushing possibly with a bit of chignon over the brush to remove excess oil, and an excellent shampoo to be used — not every three days — but every three weeks!

Screen actresses and models are quick to learn which cosmetics are vitally essential to their beauty. PENNY SINGLETON carefully applies a lipstick of most flattering hue,

as carefully as you would if you were buying a jewel. Get the most flattering shade of lipstick in a texture which is kind to your lips. Select a face powder blended to beautify your natural skin tone — don't get a dull tan shade if your skin has pretty pink pigment. Your creams should do something for your skin. There is no sense in taking the time to put cream on and remove it if it does not either cleanse your face thoroughly, lubricate it or keep it looking young and fresh.

If you read an ad about a hair rinse or tint or tonic don't rush and buy it without first investigating its quality, efficiency and suitability for treatment of your hair or scalp. Too many women have dressing table drawers and bathroom chests stuffed with cosmetics they have found to be disappointing. The ads read "miracle creams," but they discovered they worked no miracle on their faces!

Begin With Basic Care

Your cosmetics should be purchased with basic care of skin and hair in mind first. All the make-up and final touches such as colognes and perfumes and gadgets can come later.

Your skin undoubtedly requires a cleansing cream if you live in a town or city, a lubricator if dryness is your problem, and a very carefully selected powder base which blends or matches your current skin tone. Its texture is

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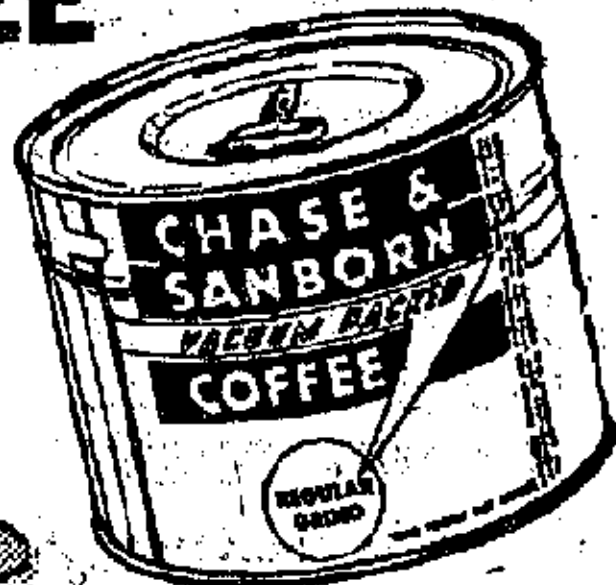
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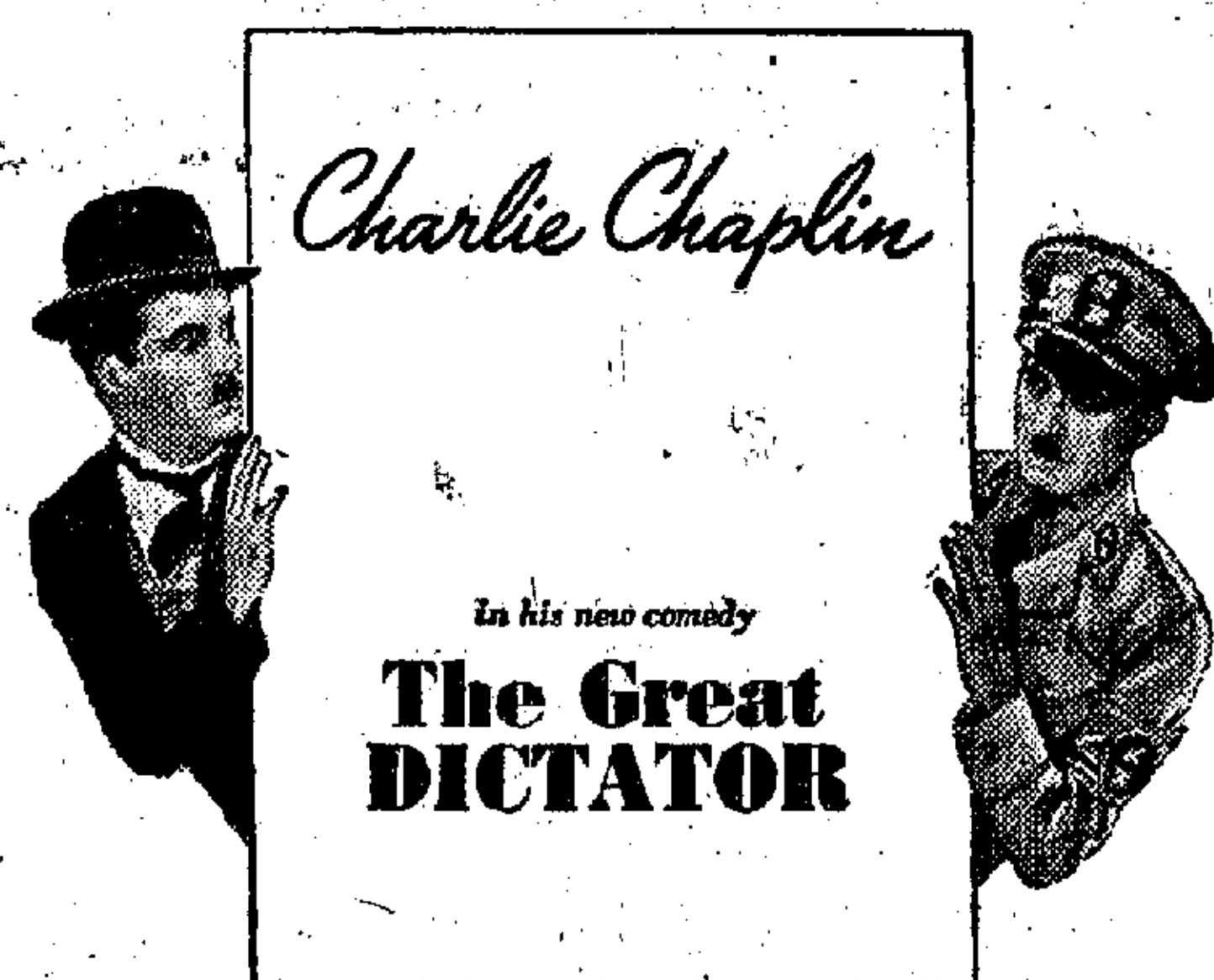
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The Blockade

By David Anderson

BRITAIN'S blockade of her enemies is one of the most powerful offensive weapons yet developed by either side in this conflict, though the basic idea of siege is as old as war itself.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities a small group of British economists, checking up on Germany's resources, saw wherein lay the best hope of depriving the Reich of its needs. What they had to work on was the record of the last war in which the position of the Allies constituted close to the blockade's paradise, yet even then the blockade was slow in producing telling results. It is admitted to-day that had the British Cabinet in September, 1939, foreseen present conditions they would have felt the matter of a blockade to be an almost hopeless proposition.

It might be an exaggeration to say the blockade administered by the Ministry of Economic Warfare dictates policy to the Royal Air Force and to the Navy but it is true that the blockade is cutting off supplies and drying up foreign credits, the blockaders strike at enemies' stocks while Germany is pressing home a bitter war of attrition.

Rather than accept the passive role given to it in 1914-18, the British blockade is designed to drive Hitler into the offensive where the armed services can engage in combat. The longer this is postponed the more aggravating will be the cumulative effect of the shortages—oil, textiles, rubber, copper and nickel. These materials Germany must import.

The first step in establishing the blockade when war was declared was the setting up of the contraband control committee. Soon it was seen the ships piled up in control stations to such an extent that the scheme was impracticable. A second step led to agreements with neutral nations, which they could guarantee would not be re-exported to Germany. Then followed rationing to a few neutrals, a solution hard to administer for fear of antagonising powerful interests. At present these three phases of the blockade are still used and the picture was broadened in December, 1939, by the introduction of navicerts—a sort of passport.

The Ministry of Economic Warfare was interested in the activities of all neutral traders, their agents, their connections and the formal trade and potentialities of neutral countries as well as operations and organisations of German trade industry. The navicert system enabled Britain to gain a firmer hold by transferring responsibility to the exporters instead of the importer. The navicert was regarded as a concession to traders who disliked not knowing whether the British would object to consignments and would detain them at some control base.

When Germany overran France and the Low Countries last Summer the blockade was knocked full of holes and the task of the Navy became almost insurmountable. To meet this, the government's economic advisers adopted a policy that warships must be only in waters where it was known definitely that there was something to be caught.

To accomplish this it was ordered that navicerts must be on an obligatory instead of a voluntary basis and the ships' hulls themselves covered under separate licences. Moreover, passengers and mails were subjected to search in the same manner as cargo and ships' papers. The blockade mechanism was made as

Restrictions Tighter

For a few months a number of ships sailed through the blockade net unhindered but last month none left port without permission where it was required. Trade between neutrals beyond European zones was unregulated.

Rations were introduced for the remaining European neutrals and a strict blockade was enforced over enemy-occupied territory and exports to any part of the Continent were blanketed with a certificate of origin corresponding to the older navicerts.

Two-thirds of the world's total shipping tonnage are now sailing under the warrants scheme and more than half the rest of the tonnage consists of enemy vessels or those in enemy hands, and thus have been largely swept off the seas. Less than one-sixth of the tonnage is left to operate regardless of British orders in the matters.

Psychological Effect

Apart from strategic gains, the British count on psychological benefits of the blockade when the Germans get the feeling of defeat through the lack of the necessities of life. Textiles are generally scarce in Germany and the civilian ration now amounts to the equivalent of two suits a year—one overcoat would wipe out an individual's purchasing power for twelve months. Hides and skins are also contributing to uneasiness within the Reich, not because of the lack of these materials but on account of the marked scarcity of the chemicals necessary for tanning the hides. Rubber has advanced beyond the luxury stage in modern civilisation, cropping up as it does in innumerable household and industrial appliances, yet this too is now rare indeed in the Nazi domain.

A trivial detail may bring home its value better than would a mass figure—children are forbidden to give life to their friends on tricycles or bicycles because that wears out tires.

It would be wishful thinking to assume that the German armed forces are suffering these privations, because Berlin's first job is to keep up its defences. But the shortages will reach out beyond civilian life before long. Mean-

while the civilians will be that much worse off and presumably even more sick of it all.

Copper has been substituted for aluminum just as bauxite has replaced rubber—at a cost. Bauxite refining process for aluminum involves extravagant use of electricity, which means coal, and the same uneconomic condition applies to bauxite, of which only 50,000 tons were manufactured last year. Germany is calling in nickel coinage in all occupied lands, indicating stocks of this metal are not too plentiful.

Other Nations Short

The Reich is short of these and many other supplies—including oil, though the present rate of consumption leaves a wide margin for maintenance of the Luftwaffe—and these nations now dominated by Hitler are equally short. The transportation system is the weakest link since it consumes fuel, metals and rubber while making negligible returns. The gravest breaches in the blockade, from the British point of view, are by way of Vladivostok, whence stream materials from the United States and South America across Russia, and the outlet to Vichy from North Africa. Both of them are recognised as "ticklish problems."

As far as Russia is concerned London is mainly reliant on the good-will of the exporter since the interception of ships on the Pacific is more than the British Navy cares to guarantee.

Washington has buoyed hopes by its swing in their direction and it is believed that the United States will strive to mend the loophole that Vladivostok provides. Unoccupied France was declared last June under full block-

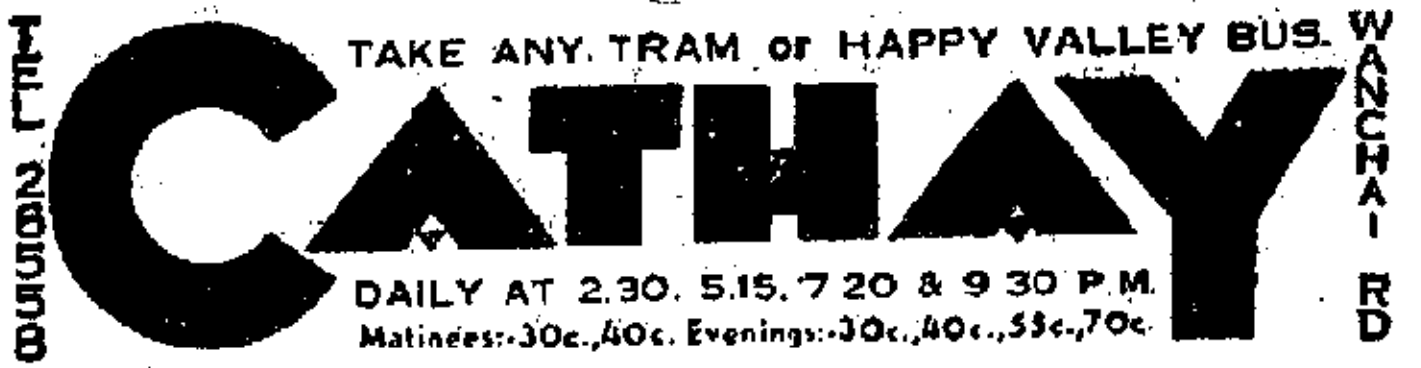
ade but now the tendency is to ease restrictions. Publicity was given recently to the volume of trade flowing from North Africa to French Mediterranean ports and, it was presumed, flowing into Germany. British opposition to food for Vichy hinges on the impression that edibles would be supplemented by trucks for hauling them plus similar related articles until the Nazis had driven a wedge into the blockade.

German Results

Germany's efforts at the counter-blockade of Britain are now yielding results in shipping losses. Her Hitler's weapons, U-boats, bombers and surface raiders, have concentrated on the Atlantic approaches.

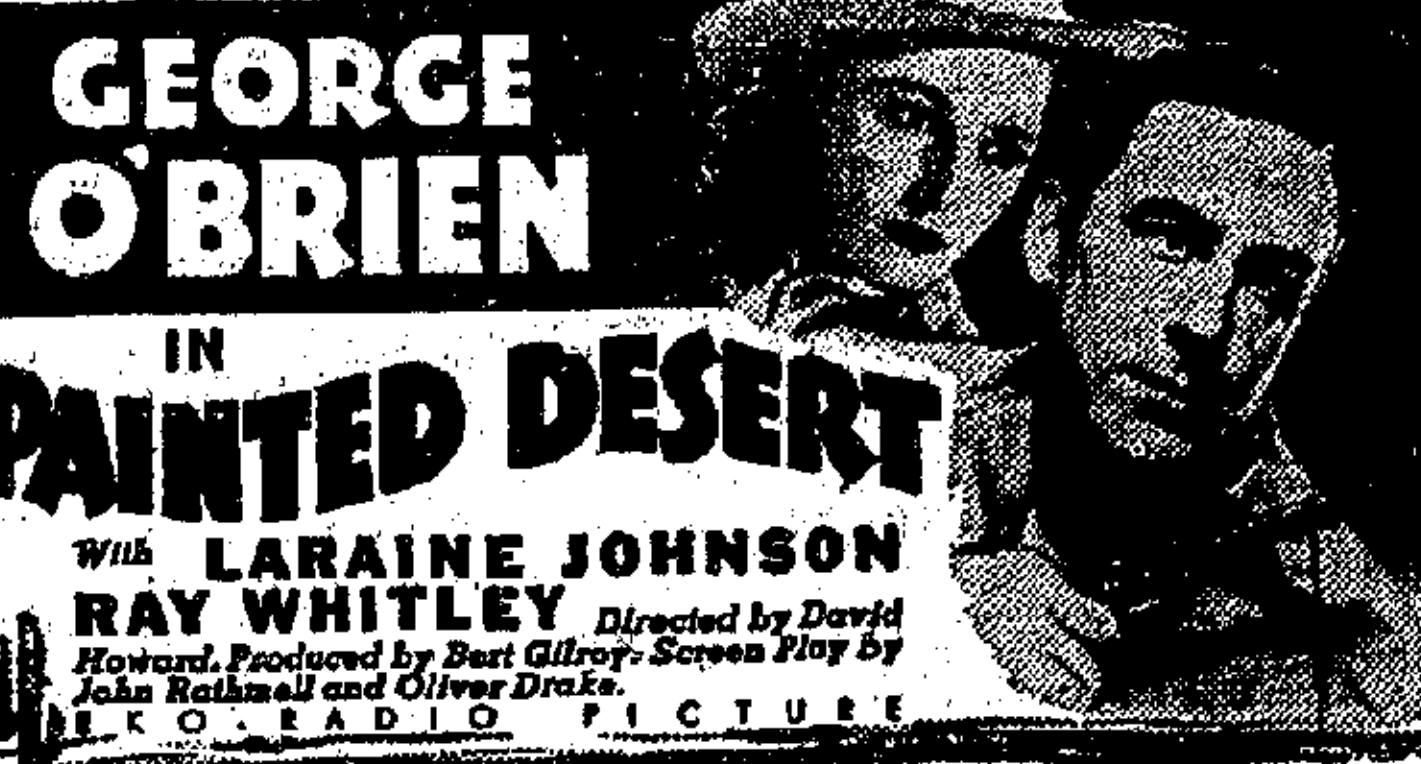
There is nothing subtle nor far-reaching geographically about this blockade though the results may have a direct bearing on the war's outcome. It is an old-fashioned blockade in which an armed ring encircles the foe. Britain is convinced help from the United States must be forthcoming if that ring is to be smashed and Britain is to emerge victorious.

For their part the British Cabinet is confident that a world-wide blockade is more effective in the long run than the violent attacks currently being carried on by the enemy. American aid will be given in the form of ships and munitions while London can see little further hope for Germany making up her deficiencies. When asked whether the United States entry into the war would simplify the British blockade a well-informed person replied: "Enormously."



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IN THE LIMELIGHT NO. 66

YOONG REPRESENTED CAMBRIDGE AND WON NEW YORK CITY TITLE

By "Adrem"

HONG KONG Badminton Association has released its programme of Colony championship matches for next week and a very attractive programme it is. Following his victory over P. K. Hooi, triple champion in the season 1938-9, however, chief interest is centred on the prospects of M. P. Yoong, the University freshman, against Patrick Wong, the reigning champion, whom he meets at Kowloon Cricket Club on Thursday, and there is little doubt that this match will attract the largest crowd yet seen at a local badminton encounter.

Like most of Hong Kong's leading players, Yoong hails from Malaya, where badminton is a game only exceeded in popularity by soccer, and when a small boy in the Anglo-Chinese School in Malacca, the enthusiasm he saw all around was transmitted to him.

Despite all this keenness in the School, however, no coaching facilities were provided, the boys being left to find things out for themselves, and Yoong rather surprised him when he said that he had never had any coaching in his life.

His school badminton career was far from startling and on the only occasion that he was selected to represent the school—at the age of 16 in 1935—he lost his match. In Malaya matches are played on the basis of five singles and four doubles, players being graded and meeting their opposite numbers on the other side over the best two out of three games.

'VARSITY MATCH

FINISHING school at the end of 1935, Yoong left for England on his 17th birthday and spent 10 enjoyable months in London. He joined no club and so had no opportunity of getting in any badminton, but he watched several of the better players in action and managed to acquire a good theoretical knowledge of the finer points of the game.

At the beginning of 1937 Yoong was enrolled at Queen Mary College, London University, and once again took an active interest in badminton. The standard at the University was not very high, and he had little difficulty in making his College team. While he was in residence only one University match was played, against Cambridge, and as the first-string singles player, he won his match after a grim struggle, although in the doubles, in partnership with an Indian whose name he cannot remember, he had an easy win.

AGAINST OXFORD

IN October of 1937, Yoong went up to Cambridge University as a medical student and took up residence at Downing College. His prowess was known to the University badminton authorities, of course, as he had played against Cambridge only a short while previously, and he played regularly for the team in the Cambridge League, partnering the captain, C. J. Wee, a fellow-Chinese from Penang.

After three months at the University Yoong was awarded a half-blue. The match against Oxford was played at Alexandra Palace before a big crowd and under perfect conditions, except for a comparatively low ceiling. Going on the court for the first time was a thrilling experience for you, Yoong, but, playing third string singles, he had an easy victory over Love of Oxford, although, with Wee, he lost his doubles.

Following the match, which Cambridge won 12-3 to register their eighth successive victory, an enjoyable dinner was held at the Criterion Restaurant, returning to Cambridge, without any of the wild celebration usually associated with inter-University contests.

90-MINUTE GAME

IN December 1938, Yoong played his second match against Oxford, Cambridge again being successful. This time his match was "the most remarkable I have ever played in." He was drawn against a French-Canadian named Gordon Devaux and not until play had been in progress for 90 minutes was a decision reached.

Devaux won the first game 17-14 but Yoong levelled the issue when he took the second at 15-12.

WATER-POLO LEAGUE NEGOTIATIONS

There is a strong possibility that a new Water-Polo League will be formed in the course of the week. On Thursday, at European Y.M.C.A., a meeting of representatives of Navy, Army and European Y.M.C.A. will meet to discuss various aspects of the project.

It is understood that, in addition to the "Y" Pool, the Army pool at Victoria Barracks and the pool in the Naval Dockyard will be available, and it is expected that a high standard will be reached before the end of the season.



The deciding game was "set" at 4, after Yoong had led 14-13 and Devaux went on to lead 2-1. Service then changed hands five times before Yoong managed to secure that elusive tying ace, and again a grim struggle was enacted for the deciding ace. Service changed hands another three times amid the frantic excitement of the supporters of both teams. Yoong finally winning when he took a chance and left a clearing shot which dropped a fraction of an inch over the baseline.

The great superiority of Cambridge over Oxford at badminton has been attributed to the fact that the former University, in practically every match in the previous nine years, had a large Malayan contingent in their team.

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

IN 1939 Yoong played in a great many major English tournaments. In January he won the Eastbourne Open, in February he secured the championship at Bury St. Edmunds, and in March he entered for the All-England championship. Some of the world's best took part in the latter tournament and Yoong, although he did not survive the first round—he was drawn against J. Schmidt, Danish international—learned a lot.

Six countries were represented, including Malaya, whose champion, a man named Samuels, got as far as the semi-final, before being knocked out by T. Madsen, the Danish champion, who was a mere boy of 19, whereas Samuels was the oldest competitor at 34. The latter also suffered extremely from the cold and was wont to start all of his matches wearing at least three sweaters. Nevertheless he very nearly brought glory to Malaya when he led Madsen 11-2 in the final game, only to fade right out of the picture and not secure another ace.

Yoong was very disappointed with the form of Ralph Nicholls, who had been champion for three previous years. His smash was comparatively speaking, innocuous and he was slow about court but he revealed a splendid defence, cleared well and was very accurate with his short game. Although he reached three finals in 1939, Nicholls won only one title—the mixed doubles in partnership with Miss B. Staples.

Yoong played in only one other big tournament in the United Kingdom—the Welsh championship—when he lost to Madsen in the first round.

IN AMERICA

IN July, 1939 Yoong left for a holiday in the United States and was in New York when war was declared. He was advised by his people to stay on in America, and in November joined Central Badminton Club, New York. Having no gear of his own—he had left it all in England—Yoong's badminton did not startle the natives, although he was given a place in the club's "B" team, which was competing in the Metropolitan Badminton League.

On his gear arriving he showed such marked improvement that he had been champion for the season, he was promoted to the "A" team. Both these teams won the championship in their respective divisions and Yoong had the unique distinction of being awarded two medals. It is interesting to note here that in New York, as in every other League, which Yoong has participated, singles and doubles matches are played, all over three games. In the Metropolitan League there are two singles and three doubles.

N. Y. CITY CHAMPION

ALTHOUGH the standard in New York was not as high as the general standard in England, there were a couple of first-

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By "Referee"

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The original team in cluded only members of the Civilian, Chinese and Police teams, but permission was later granted for Army and Navy players to make the trip and this has strengthened the team considerably.

Bright and Freshwater of Middlesex were invited to go, but both had to decline. This is the fifth official Interport game with Macao and both teams have won twice. Macao won the first two games, against a team selected from junior teams in games known as Junior Interports.

At the request of Macao, however, Hong Kong have been fielding a team from the Senior Clubs for the past two years. On the last occasion in Macao Hong Kong won by two clear goals in a game featured by the brilliant goalkeeping of Cheung Wing-choy for Hong Kong.

Star-Studded Team

All the players chosen to make the trip have figured prominently in representative games in the Colony this season and a large number have represented the Colony in Interport games against Shanghai, Manila, Saigon or Macao.

The manager of the team is Mr. T. G. Stokes and he, in conjunction with Lee Wai-tong, will make the final selection. His last is not a hard one as he has more than enough material at his disposal and whatever choice he makes should not arouse any anxiety.

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19 PLAYERS GOING TO MACAO

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MAXWELL (KOWLOON)

FOWLER (CLUB)
FUNG KING-CHEONG (SINGAPORE)
LEE WAI-TONG (SOUTH CHINA)

HOWLETT (POLICE)
RIERTSEN (CLUB)
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Runner-up—A. M. Silva.
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DARTS (Four-Side Tournament)
Winners—M. Pollock (Captain), A. F. Souza, C. K. Ong and W. C. Tsui.
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UNITED STATES REAL THREAT TO PORTUGAL IN TODAY'S SOFTBALL

By "Grandstand"

COMING INTO THE SEMI-FINALS, THE PORTUGUESE TAKE ON THE UNITED STATES AT 12 NOON AT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB TO HEADLINE TODAY'S INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL TRIPLE BILL.

Having lost the title to the Indians last year in a sensational upset, Rui Novonha's Portuguese side will go all out to down the Stars and Stripes and so qualify for another crack at the championship in the finals next week.

Gerry Gosano, who has been hurling steady ball throughout the year, will probably toe the rubber for the Portuguese, whilst veteran Charlie Figueroa will be in his usual spot behind the plate. The infield will be made up of Nick Beltrao, at first—his speciality is chasing fast flies right up against the fence, and getting them—whilst the other members of the fast-moving quartette will be George Souza and Art Ozzorio, keystone combination, and Tony "Peewee" Alves at third base. The outfielders are not yet definitely decided, but will be selected from Bertie Gosano, Johnnie Ponson, Charlie Ribeiro, Charlie Quinn and Caco Marques.

Serious Threat

In spite of the fact that they suffered defeat at the hands of the Joltin' Joys in last week's charity tussle, the Mohawks, who will form a large part of the U.S. team, still remain a serious threat, and when the pick of the squad is strengthened by eligible players from other teams the Stars and Stripes are a real menace to championship-minded teams.

Battery will be Cy Jones and Joe Morris, whilst the probable infield line-up will be Ernie Hearther, first-base; Johnnie Davis, at second; Pete Fitch, short-stop and Lou Leight at third.

Umpires for this tilt are "Grandpa" Lung, Nip Lum and Hukjaj Kitchell.

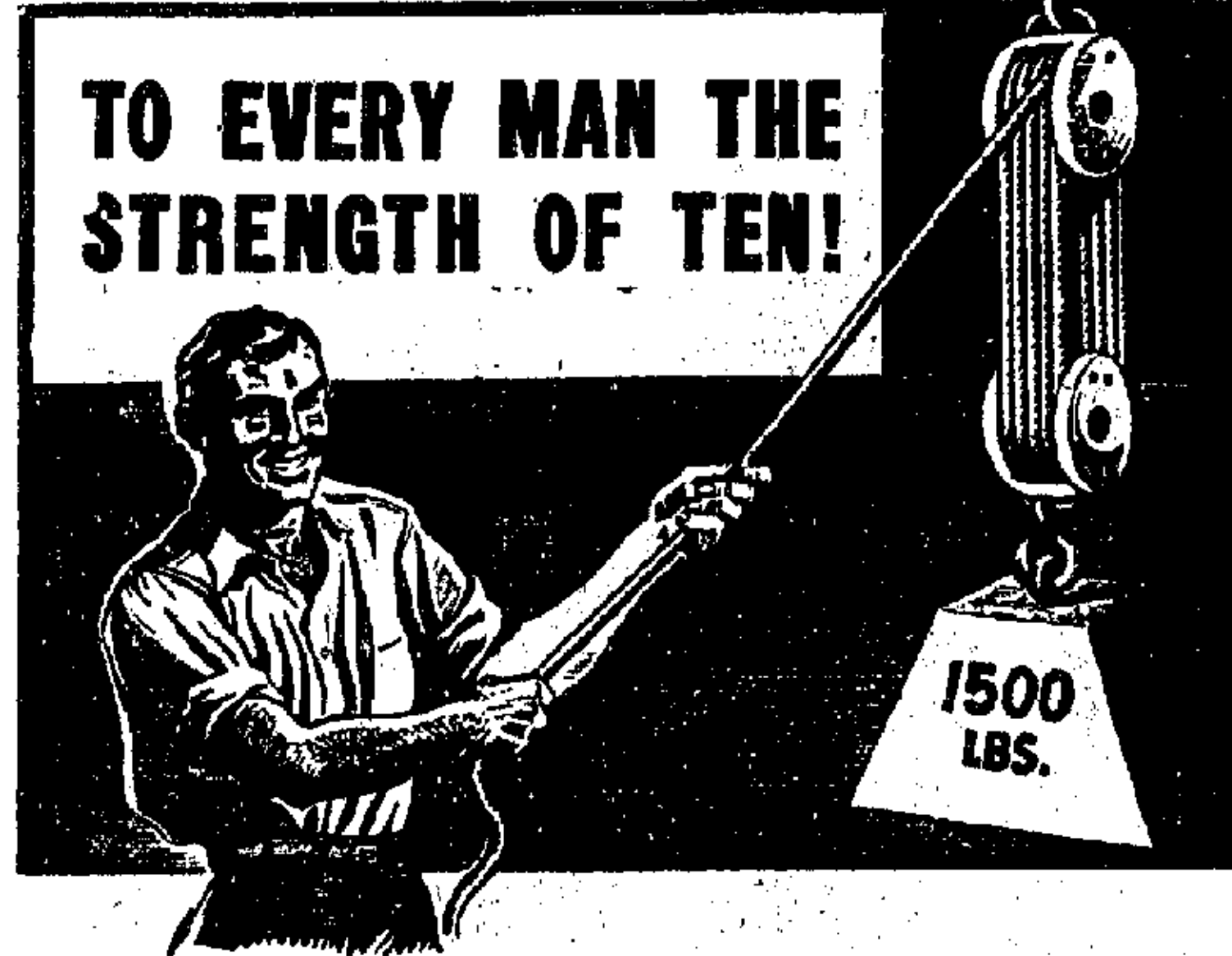
At 10.45 a.m. the Indian nine cross bats with the Chinese squad. Both teams were almost surprised last week, when they only managed to stave off elimination from the series with last inning rallies.

Chinese battery will be Herbie Quon, and Nip Lum, whilst Kassa Nazarin will be tossing them in to "Tarp" Ismail for the Indians. Nick Beltrao, Chuck Waggoner and Charlie Figueroa are down to umpire this game.

Women's Series

The Women's series will have their start when the Chinese females take on Great Britain at 9.30 a.m. Stronger and flashier, the Chinese are the choice of the fans, and there are not a few who consider that the championship is almost as good as safely tucked away.

Mary Ng, ace finger, will work



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TEAM-WORK ENABLES K.C.C. TO RETAIN SENIOR CRICKET TITLE

By "Adrem"

WHEREAS THE SPLENDID PERFORMANCES OF D. J. N. ANDERSON AND N. D. LLOYD, WHO MET WITH REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, HAD A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB RETAINING THEIR SENIOR CRICKET CHAMPION, I THINK I CAN SAFELY SAY THAT IT WAS THE SPLENDID TEAM-WORK THAT WAS THE CHIEF FACTOR.

Other clubs have had difficulty in raising totals for various reasons, but although every member of the K.C.C. side is actively engaged in the Volunteers, only one member of the eleven scored a match—F. L. Lay was unable to play against Craignower in the first fixture of the season and W. L. Rapley deputised.

E. C. Fincher, the skipper, although he has rarely had such a bad season with the bat, did not fail in five matches to win the toss, the result being that K.C.C. had the advantage of fielding first in every game.

Only One Check

All were comfortable ones and the only match in which any difficulty was experienced was against University, who held the champions to a draw.

Anderson had the best season of his career and the following record will show his value as an opening batsman:

v C.C.C.	41
v University	50
v I.R.C.	74
v Recreation	46
v C.S.C.C.	38

FINE BALANCE OF JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

By "Adrem"

STATISTICS APPENDED REVEAL THE FINE BALANCE OF K.C.C. JUNIORS, WHOSE JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR IS THEIR THIRD IN FIVE SEASONS.

Like their senior team, they have pulled well together and only 15 players were called upon in the course of the season. The splendid form of their early batsmen and the large variety of bowling has made the captain's task a comparatively easy one.

There was some evidence of a lengthy tilt but, fortunately, Baxter, Madar, Rapley and Goodban rarely failed with the bat.

Baxter and Madar established a record in the course of the season, when they were associated in an unbroken first-wicket stand of 211 against University. Both batsmen reached three figures in this innings.

Hung's Return

All the acknowledged bowlers came off at some time or other, and the loss of Baldwin, who proceeded on leave after playing in three matches, was greatly offset by the introduction of W. C. Hung for the last three fixtures. Hung and Goodban both met with success towards the end of the season, while Fenton and Taylor did excellent work with their spinners.

S. A. Gray is to be congratulated on leading the team to the championship in his first season as captain, and his unflinching enthusiasm, and fine example in the field undoubtedly had much to do with the achievement of this honor.

Record Of Matches

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
K.C.C.	10	5	1	16
211	0	draw	with University	111 for 8
81	4	beat	Recreation	80, by 6 wickets
134	1	beat	Police	74, by 60 runs
88	5	beat	C.S.C.C.	84, by 5 wickets
95	9	beat	C.C.C.	65, by 2 wickets

K.C.C. scored 715 runs for the loss of 33 wickets, giving an average of 21.67 per wicket, and their opponents scored 542 for 38 wickets, an average of 9.34.

Averages

BATTING	Runs	N.O.	H.S.	Aggr.	Avg.
K. M. Baxter	6	2	103	277	69.25
T. A. Madar	6	2	104	172	43.00
E. Curtis	2	1	25	34	34.00
C. A. Goodban	2	1	25	23	23.00
W. L. Rapley	6	0	25	88	17.60
G. E. Taylor	4	2	12	26	13.00

Following also batted—L. R. Burch (0, 0), F. Goodwin (0, 0), S. A. Gray (4, 2, 0, 0), R. Baldwin (2), H. Brokenshire (0, 0), R. J. Fenton (1, 9) and W. C. Hung (2, 2).

BOWLING	Runs	N.O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
G. E. Taylor	4	11	2	36	9	4.00
R. J. Fenton	3	13	5	72	12	4.75
R. Baldwin	3	14	0	81	9	9.00
K. M. Baxter	2	8	1	35	5	7.00
W. C. Hung	2	16	1	51	7	7.29
F. Goodwin	5	27	2	107	7	15.29
E. Curtis	5	23	1	114	6	19.00

Following also bowled—W. Parsons (2-0-10-0), J. R. Luke (3-2-5-0).

Following held catches—R. Baldwin (6), K. M. Baxter and S. A. Gray (2), G. E. Taylor (2), L. R. Burch, W. L. Rapley, G. A. Goodban, F. Goodwin, H. Brokenshire, E. Curtis and R. J. Fenton. Brokenshire stumped two batsmen.

TENNIS LEAGUE NOW ASSURED DESPITE EXPECTED OBSTACLES

Abbas' Hat Trick

The Junior Cricket League was completed yesterday, when Indian Recreation Club beat Civil Service in the one outstanding fixture by 34 runs at Sokunpoo.

Scoring 149 runs for victory, C.S.C.C. had scored 99 for the loss of only five wickets, but a bad collapse then set in and their remaining batsmen were all out in little over 15 minutes for 114, Abbas performing the "hat-trick."

I.R.C. lost three wickets cheaply, but after innings by A. R. Sufian, who hit nine boundaries, Wahab, Arculli and A. M. Rumjahn enabled them to total 143. MacGowan, who had 4 for 11 against Police last week, was again in great form with the ball and took 5 for 21. At one stage he took three wickets in the course of three overs without conceding a run.

All the early Civil Service batsmen made runs and the score at one time was 112 for 5, but Abbas then had an inspired spell. He caught and bowled Davidson, and then clean-bowled Parrott and Manjharid with his next two deliveries to register the "hat-trick."

Lacey, last man in, survived one ball and then also fell victim to Abbas, who therefore took four wickets in five balls to finish off the season.

This is the third "hat-trick" registered in Second Division this season, Stone performing the feat for Civil Service against Recreation, and Police also against the Portuguese club.

I.R.C. 2ND XI. H. T. Barma, run out 5. A. H. Ismail, c MacGowan, b Smith 10. M. Razack, c Lawrence, b Bond 7.

A. R. Sufian, run out 47. A. M. Wahab, b MacGowan 21. A. el Arculli, not out 30. T. Ali, c Lockhart, b MacGowan 0.

F. A. Curran, b Smith 1. M. E. Hassan, b MacGowan 5. M. R. Abbas, b MacGowan 5. A. M. Rumjahn, b MacGowan 18. Extras (B8) 8.

Total 143. Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W. Bond 0 0 44 1. Smith 12 0 56 2. MacGowan 6 1 31 5. Watson 2 0 17 0.

C.S.C.C. 2ND XI. H. E. Strange, c Wahab, b Arculli 20. A. Wahab, c Abbas, b F. E. Lawrence, b Rumjahn 19. F. E. Lawrence, b Rumjahn 19. F. E. Lawrence, b Rumjahn 19.

V. C. Bond, b Abbas 1. G. D. Davidson, c & b Abbas 26. N. L. Smith, c Ismail, b Hassan 13.

T. L. Lockhart, not out 0. H. Parrott, b Abbas 0. H. Maynard, b Abbas 0. J. T. Lacey, b Abbas 0. Extras (B1, LB1) 2.

Total 114. Bowling Analysis: O. M. R. W. Arculli 7 1 31 1. Rumjahn 9 1 23 1. Abbas 5 6 0 35 6. Hassan 3 0 23 2.

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FINAL CRICKET TABLE

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K.C.C.	6	5	0	1	16
C.C.C.	6	4	1	1	13
Recreation	6	4	2	0	12
I.R.C.	6	3	3	0	9
C.S.C.C.	6	1	4	1	4
Police	6	1	5	0	3
University	6	0	3	3	3

BADMINTON THRILLS ON TUESDAY

By "Adrem"

The coming week will be a busy one for the Colony's leading badminton players, semi-final matches in all events being down for decision tomorrow, Tuesday and Thursday.

The match of the week will be the single on Thursday between Patrick Wong, the holder, and M. Young, Cambridge half-blue. The latter beat the well-fancied P. K. Hooi in the previous round and is expected to give Wong a great run for his money.

Some changes have been made in the programme originally announced, owing to the inability of Henry Eardley to play tomorrow in the mixed doubles, a walk-over has been conceded to M. A. Oliveira and Miss Myrtle Silva, who will now meet P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo, holders of the title in this event, on Thursday.

To fill in the spare time in tomorrow's programme caused by the withdrawal of Eardley and Mrs. T. R. Riddle, the Junior single, originally down for Thursday, between J. Odell and A. L. Fisher, will take place at 8.30 to-morrow.

Also to-morrow, K. W. Choy, favourite for the singles title, will receive his first big test in the tournament when he meets F. K. Koh, conqueror of last year's runner-up, C. Au. Koh, although not expected to win, is a very experienced player, who should give Choy something to think about.

In the mixed doubles Wong and M. M. Ribeiro should beat Choy and Miss Nival Castro, although there should be little in it. Deciding factor will probably be Miss Ribeiro's greater experience of the mixed game, although Mrs. Castro is a very powerful player individually.

Following day will see two of the finest doubles matches likely to be seen this season—the Young brothers will meet P. K. Hooi and H. F. Chew, and Wong and C. Au, the holders, will be opposed by Choy and K. W. Choy. Winners are likely to be Hooi and Chew and Choy and Low. Wong and Au, although playing well enough individually, are not combining very well and it will be recalled, were very fortunate to beat Eardley and Smith in their last match.

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By "Adrem"

IN VIEW OF THE VERY POOR ENTRIES RECEIVED TO WEDNESDAY, THE ORIGINAL CLOSING DATE, AND THE DOUBTS EXPRESSED IN MANY QUARTERS AS TO THE PRACTICABILITY OF HOLDING A TENNIS LEAGUE AT ALL THIS SEASON, OWING TO INCREASED VOLUNTEER DUTIES, ENQUIRIES WERE MADE YESTERDAY AT THE VARIOUS CLUBS AS TO THEIR PLANS.

It is now possible to reveal that, although most clubs foresee considerable difficulties in store for them in the matter of raising teams regularly, they are making an effort to carry on and it has been established that all Divisions of the League will be well supported.

LAST YEAR'S FINALISTS TO MEET AGAIN

There is only one match in this week's programme of Colony Lawn Tennis Championship matches that is likely to be outstanding, that being the S. A. Rumjahn-Tsui Wai-pui encounter on Thursday.

These two met in an epic Final last year, when Rumjahn won, much against expectation, over five grand sets, and as both men are showing much the same form this year, there is a possibility that history may repeat itself.

The Semi-Final of the Club Championship between Capt. R. E. Guest and M. Pagh will be played on the Stand Court to-morrow and not on Tuesday as was originally arranged.

Weather permitting, the Final of the Open Singles will be played to-morrow week, April 28, and the Final of the Open Doubles on Wednesday, April 30. The following entrance fees will be charged for these Finals:

Front Row Arm Chairs \$5.00
Grand Stand \$2.00
Chairs Opposite Stand \$1.00
Service men 30c.

None of these seats will be reserved, but it is hoped that Clubs and individuals will order seats in advance so as to ensure a record attendance as the entire net proceeds, including players' entry fees, are to be donated to the "Bombardier Fund."

Seats may be ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy of Hong Kong Cricket Club, Telephone 20497.

Following is the programme for the week:

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SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASON CONCLUDES DEAD ON TIME



Scotland's team which caused the greatest upset of the season when they beat a strong Chinese team by 6 goals to 5 after being 4-1 in arrears at the interval in their Semi-Final game in "The Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition at Boundary Street on Christmas Day. Howlett, third from the left in the back row, scored five goals for Scotland. In the Final, however, Scotland lost to England by 5 goals to 2 after a goalless first half.

Auld Heads Soccer Goal-Scorers With Grand Total Of 36

IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED THAT A CENTRE-FORWARD, BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION IN FRONT OF GOAL, HAS THE MOST SCORING OPPORTUNITIES IN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, BUT BOTH HAU CHING-TO, OF EASTERN, AND LEE WAI-LUM, OF ENGINEERS, PROVE THAT WINGERS, PROVIDING THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR OPPORTUNITIES, CAN ALSO BE IMPORTANT SCORING MEDIUMS.

Hendy leads the First Division goal-scoring list, but he is only one goal ahead of Chan Tak-fai, South China's inside-right, who missed several games during the season.

Fowler of Club has 26 goals to his credit, scored out of his team's 42.

THE PLAYER TO SCORE MOST GOALS THIS SEASON IS AULD, ROYALS' CENTRE-FORWARD. HE STARTED WITH THE JUNIOR TEAM AND HAD SCORED 22 GOALS FOR THEM BEFORE HIS PROMOTION. THOUGH HE HAS PLAYED CONSIDERABLY LESS GAMES THAN OTHERS IN FIRST DIVISION HE HAS 14 GOALS TO HIS CREDIT, BRINGING HIS FINAL TOTAL TO 36.

O'Regan, who now plays at full-back for Navy, would have figured more prominently had he continued in their attack. He scored five goals in Second Division and netted six times in First Division before he was transferred to the rear division, where he has been one of the stalwarts of Navy's senior team.

Following is the complete list of goal-scorers in the three Divisions of the League including goals scored in the Senior and Junior Shield competitions:

FIRST DIVISION	
Hendy (R. Navy)	27
Chan Tak-fai (S. China)	28
Fowler (Club)	26
Lee Wai-tung (S. China)	24
Hau Ching-to (Eastern)	24
Fyui Man-fai (Eastern)	20
Lai Shui-wing (Sing Tao)	20
Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao)	17
Auld (R. Scots)	14
Saw (Middlesex)	14
Chan Chi-tun (K. Wah)	14
Blake (Kowloon)	12
Chauk Shek-kim (K. Wah)	12
Howlett (Police)	12
Hossack (R. Scots)	12
Lee Shik-yau (S. China)	12
Wong King-cheung (K. Wah)	10
Reiersen (Club)	10
Coomer (Middlesex)	9
Fazio, C. T. (Eastern)	9
Ferrier (Police)	9
Marshall (R. Scots)	9
Phillips (R. Navy)	9
Chow Man-chi (S. China)	9
Sheehan (Middlesex)	9
Chung Kam-hoi (Eastern)	9
Fung King-cheung (Sing Tao)	9
O'Regan (R. Navy)	6
Pearson (Middlesex)	6
Pearson (Kowloon)	6
Lee Tack-kee (S. China)	5
Santos (St. Joseph's)	5
Chung Yung-nam (Eastern)	5
Kui Wing-fok (Eastern)	5
Pereira (Kowloon)	4
Bickford (Club)	4
Moss (Police)	4
Gomes (St. Joseph's)	4
Hui Sing-ling (Eastern)	4
Lau Pak-jun (Police)	4
LePage (R. Navy)	4
Ferrow (Club)	4
Barber (R. Navy)	4
Gosano (Kowloon)	4
Marrable (Middlesex)	4
White (Kowloon)	4
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	4
McDonald (St. Joseph's)	4
Bond (Club)	4
Gilroy (R. Scots)	4
Thomas (Middlesex)	4
Ting Yung-fat (K. Wah)	4
Lau Chung-sang (S. China)	4
Yung Hop-jing (Eastern)	4

SECOND DIVISION

Lee Wai-lam (R.E.)	33
Fox (R.E.)	31
Jennings (Middlesex)	30
Morgan (R.A.S.C.)	30
Clark (R.A.S.C.)	29
Marble (Middlesex)	29
McEachran (Middlesex)	29
Gordon (Police)	29
Kong Hing (Police)	28
Lai Chung-yin (S. China)	28
Leung Chi-lup (K. Wah)	28
Lau Wing-kui (K. Wah)	28

C. L. GREGORY FIRST WINNER OF KIKI CUP

Mr. C. L. Gregory, on Euston, was the winner of the trophy presented by Madame Louis de San, formerly Miss Kiki de Chaffoy de Courcelles, a keen member of Cottage Club, as the result of finishing first in the Hunt held yesterday.

The Hunt started from Dill's Corner, and proceeded past Lok machau, Police Station and over the grass country by the Shum Chun River, finishing in Lowu Valley.

Twenty riders completed the course, which was laid by Mr. Bill O'Neill.

The first three were—
1. MR. C. L. GREGORY, ON EUSTON;
2. MR. PAUL CALDERERA, ON MISTAL;
3. MR. G. TREVERTON, ON GOLD CURRENCY.

The first two ponies are Australians, but Gold Currency is a China pony.

After the hunt Madame de San presented the "Kiki" Cup to Mr. Gregory, following which the company sat down to supper in the clubhouse.

Mak Hon-fan (Police)	1
Johnson (Police)	1
Chow Kar-chung (Kit Chee)	1
Kellow (R. Navy)	1
Colthorpe (30th R.A.)	1
Parnaby (R. Scots)	1
Chung Cheung-kan (Kit Chee)	1
Roscoe (Club)	1
Sloan (Club)	1
Crawford (R. Scots)	1
Tsang Yung-li (Kit Chee)	1
Garcia (Kowloon)	1
Heup (R. Navy)	1
Hazard (R. Navy)	1
Wall (Police)	1
Hole (30th R.A.)	1
Mathias (Kowloon)	1
Gratton (Club)	1
Haynes (Club)	1
Downing (R. Scots)	1
Wong Man-kwai (Police)	1
Kwok (Kowloon)	1
Wong Mei-shun (Kit Chee)	1
Gibb (R. Scots)	1
Hammond (R.A.S.C.)	1

THIRD DIVISION

Brackenbury (Signals)	31
Jones, N. (R.E.)	27
Wong Man-kwai (Police)	27
Jones (36th R.A.)	22
Bartlett (R.A.F.)	21
Owens (24th R.A.)	19
Brown (35th R.A.)	18
Roscoe (12th R.A.)	14
Campbell (Signals)	14
Campanell (International)	13
Iley (International)	13
Atkins (24th R.A.)	13
Ho Kar-keung (R.A.F.)	13
Burgess (36th R.A.)	12
Rocha (International)	12
Wainwright (R.A.F.)	11
Kirkwood (S. China)	11
Parkin (R.A.M.C.)	10
Cross (20th R.A.)	9
Sprinkle (International)	9
Husband (Signals)	9
McCadden (7th R.A.)	9
Wynne (R.A.M.C.)	9
Coley (35th R.A.)	9
Butts (20th R.A.)	9
Abiong (Shell)	9
Evans (36th R.A.)	9
Sharp (20th R.A.)	9
Holliday (R.E.)	9
Clarke (7th R.A.)	9
Bodley (International)	9
Gough (R.E.)	9
Laing (Signals)	9
Brown (12th R.A.)	9
Lane (12th R.A.)	9
Willis (7th R.A.)	9
Fung Sing (R.E.)	9
Pidgeon (R.A.F.)	9
Fare (R.A.S.C.)	9
Webb (R.A.M.C.)	9
Jones, F. (R.E.)	9
Wan Lo-kwan (Shell)	9
McDermott (12th R.A.)	9
Hutchings (Signals)	9
Cork (R.E.)	9
Woodbridge (30th R.A.)	9
Leonard (International)	9
Marsden (12th R.A.)	9
Sunmer (35th R.A.)	9
Wong Kit-hing (36th R.A.)	9
Bright (R.A.M.C.)	9
Walker (36th R.A.)	9
Middleton (7th R.A.)	9
Robinson (12th R.A.)	9
Mason (24th R.A.)	9
Doyle (7th R.A.)	9
Devony (R.E.)	9
Lockard (36th R.A.)	9
Ng Kim-lung (Shell)	9
Byers (R.E.)	9
Truscott (Signals)	9
Hill (R.E.)	9
Halpin (35th R.A.)	9
Chick (35th R.A.)	9
Miller (R.A.)	9
Moore (R.E.)	9
Dignan (Signals)	9
Remedios (International)	9
Parry (Signals)	9
Alexander (35th R.A.)	9
Kington (7th R.A.)	9
London (30th R.A.)	9
Greenwood (R.A.S.C.)	9
Chan Sik-hon (20th R.A.)	9
Craven (7th R.A.)	9
Thackeray (12th R.A.)	9
Pitcher (Signals)	9
Karshoff (A.S.A.)	9
Lander (Signals)	9
Minors (35th R.A.)	9
Hannen (24th R.A.)	9
McNulty (12th R.A.)	9
Reed (24th R.A.)	9
Goodwin (R.A.F.)	9
Florence (R.A.M.C.)	9
Dainty (24th R.A.)	9

More Even Distribution Of Trophies SOUTH CHINA TRIUMPHS WITH DEPLETED TEAM

By "Referee"

WITH THE PLAYING OF THE MACAO INTERPORT THIS AFTERNOON AT MACAO, THE LOCAL 1940-41 FOOTBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE, AND IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT, IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES, IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING ONE BOTH TO PLAYERS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE GAME.

Interest in all the divisions of the League was maintained until the end, the championships being in doubt until the last few games. In fact, in Third Division, a play-off was necessary between Royal Air Force and Signals before the latter deservedly won the title.

Outstanding achievements of the season have been South China's fourth successive triumph in the Senior League, and their success in the Senior Shield, Navy's sensational entry into the Senior Shield Final, the defeat of the strong Chinese team by Scotland in the Semi-Final of "The Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup, Army's win over Combined Chinese in the Lai Wah Cup competition after extra time and Royal Air Force's Third Division championship success after being beaten at the post twice in the three previous years.

At the beginning of the season hopes were entertained for three Interports, but the political situation caused the abandonment of two and the Macao Interport today is the only one to take place. Shanghai were unable to send a team here for the annual game for "The Telegraph" Cup while the Burma Football Association, who contemplated visiting Hong Kong early this month, were unable to make the trip. The Chinese team, who had been invited here by Hong Kong Chinese Federation, was forced to cancel their trip at the last moment.

South China footballers were pleased to learn of a proposed tour to Australia, but after negotiations had proceeded to almost the final stages the project had to be abandoned. Following this, however, a team under the auspices of Sing Tao Sports Club were to make the tour to Australia, but the latest information on this subject suggests that the tour is little probability of the tour eventually taking place.

BETTER CONTROL

HONG KONG has been fortunate in being free from the lawlessness of spectators so prominent in neighbouring ports. The behaviour of players and spectators on the whole has been excellent. At the annual dinner of South China Athletic Association recently, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, president of Hong Kong Football Association, remarked on this fact and expressed the hope that the good feeling now existing between teams of different races in Hong Kong would continue, as would the good behaviour of spectators.

He was glad to know that the Emergency Unit was now no longer necessary at big games.

FINISHES ON TIME

MILITARY Volunteering and essential duties caused the postponement of a number of games during the season, but by taking full advantage of any opportunity for re-arranging games, instead of waiting till the end of the season as in past years, it was possible for the season to finish according to programme.

HONOURS LIST

APART from the First Division Championship and the Kowloon Cup, which went to South China, all the other championships changed hands this season. The Combined Chinese teams which have figured with such great success in "The Sunday Herald" Charity Cup and the Lai Wah Cup competitions for the past few years were beaten in the semi-final rounds.

Following are the winners of the various competitions:

FIRST DIVISION
Winners—South China.
Runners-up—Eastern.

SECOND DIVISION
Winners—Royal Engineers.
Runners-up—Royal Army Service Corps.

THIRD DIVISION
Winners—Royal Air Force.
Runners-up—Royal Corps of Signals.

SENIOR SHIELD
Winners—South China.
Runners-up—Royal Navy.

JUNIOR SHIELD
Winners—Service Corps.
Runners-up—South China.

LAI WAH CUP
Winners—Civilians.
Runners-up—Army.

"THE SUNDAY HERALD" INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP
Winners—England.
Runners-up—Scotland.

KOTEWALL CHARITY CUP
Winners—South China.
Runners-up—Army.

REFEREES

THOUGH the standard of refereeing was as high as it has been for some years these much-maligned officials came in for some criticism during the season, and at a meeting of the council some were alleged to be inefficient. A special committee was appointed and, after a lengthy sitting, found that there was no ground for just complaint and vindicated the referees from all allegations.

FATAL 2 POINTS

TURNING to the records of the clubs it is noticed that, with few exceptions, all have had



F. Fowler, Club's centre-forward, has been their main goal-scorer. He has been seen on the right-wing in many representative games this season, and in this natural position he has scored many goals. In the Semi-Final of the Lai Wah Cup competition Fowler, playing on the wing, scored the four goals for his side to beat Navy 4-1.

their ups and downs and have reason to look back with some satisfaction on some performance on other during the season.

South China, after the dismal outlook at the start of the season, have perhaps most reason to be satisfied. Their first team's record could not have been better. Eastern were forced to concede points to Sing Tao in the opening game owing to the transfer of Hau Ching-to. Chung Yung-sum and Cheung Kam-hoi to Sing Tao at the last moment and the non-arrival of several players from Shanghai. They were, however, able to regain the services of these players, but those two points cost them the title.

SING TAO FAIL

SING TAO started the season in great style and at one time looked like sweeping the board. They were not impressive in many of their League games, but after the loss of Lee Ting-sang, who broke his arm in the Lai Wah Cup game, they fell to pieces and lost valuable points to Middlesex and Kowloon. Added to this, they were rudely shocked when St. Joseph's beat them in the First Round of the Senior Shield competition.

SEASON'S "FIND"

MIDDLESEX must be considered the most inconsistent team in the season. They fully extended all the Chinese teams and provided excellent football at times, but on other occasions were surprisingly unable to reproduce that form. Sheehan played for them in several positions during the season.

The find of the season is Thomas, who came into prominence in the game against Royal Scots as left-half. He was given a chance in the Governor's Cup the following week and so justified his selection that he then played for England in the Final of "The Sunday Herald" Cup competition.

Royals possessed a good defence, but it was only occasionally that their forwards worked well. Their outstanding performances were when they full extended Eastern before losing by two clear goals and when against Sing Tao, on the Club ground, they were beaten by the odd goal in three in the last minute of the game.

K.F.C. HANDICAPS

KOWLOON started the season well and won some good games, but an injury to William

son, their captain and pivot, some time later upset the team, and it was only on occasions that they produced their best. Volunteer duties interfered a lot with their training, and at times they were hard pressed to field a team, and in fact were forced to withdraw their junior team before the end.

Lapsley gained recognition when he was selected to play for Civilians against Navy in the Lai Wah Cup and secured his first football trophy, when his team won. Lapsley has also been chosen, as a reserve goalkeeper, for the Macao Interport to-day.

NAVY GRIT

NAVY enjoyed a fairly successful season in the League, in spite of Service difficulties. Robinson, their goalkeeper, and Honywell, right-half, were their outstanding players till their departure, while the calls of Rugby deprived them of the services of Honywell and Paul. Honywell was injured at Rugby and did not play soccer at the end of the season, but Paul strengthened the Shield team.

Hendy has been their main scoring medium, but Page also gave some useful displays, in side-right. Navy's best performance was in the Semi-Final of the Senior Shield, when they beat Eastern, holders, by the odd goal in three after being in arrears. Hendy scored both goals.

PLUCKY SAINTS

CLUB lingered at the bottom of the table for the greater part of the season, but in the last few games did well. They too were not able to raise their best side owing to Volunteer duties. Fowler and Riersen have been their outstanding players, while A. Odell, a youngster, is improving fast as a wing-half. Club were within the services of Tomorrow for some time, while E. Strang is on leave.

Though St. Joseph's are last in the table, the team lost a number of games by the narrowest of margins. They were the first team to complete their fixtures, in spite of many calls on their players. At times they could barely raise a team, but they asked for no post-mortems.

MacDonald, from Royal Scots, their leader, has shown great progress, but Lau Wing-kui, left-half, in his first year of football, was their most improved player, and it is understood that he has already been approached by other clubs. He was "spotted" in the Small Ball League.

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Clear Statement Of British Purpose

60,000 NAZI DEAD IN GREEK BATTLE

The Ankara corres-
pondent of the Colum-
bia Broadcasting Cor-
poration quotes a
Greek estimate that
the Germans have lost
60,000 dead in
Greece.—Reuter.

KING OF GREECE TO HEAD CABINET

M. Constantin Codzias,
Minister-Governor of
Athens, has been en-
trusted with the forma-
tion of a new Greek Gov-
ernment, following the
death of the Premier, Dr.
Koritsis.

M. Codzias will hold the post
of Vice-Premier, and the King
will personally preside at Cabinet
meetings.

Meanwhile Greece is recalling
certain high Staff Officers with a
view to the formation of a strong
military Cabinet, it was learned
on reliable authority in Athens
yesterday.—Reuter.

M. Codzias, in his first official
announcement, conveyed greet-
ings to the people of Greece and
to "our excellent troops who al-
ready have won six months of
honour and glory."

The Government, he said,
would make every effort to
achieve its aims were attained, aim
which were as pure, honest and
grand as when the war started.

He also conveyed greetings to
the British Imperial forces.

M. Codzias' acceptance of office
followed hours of consultation
with Greek leaders, and his de-
cision was made in the early
hours yesterday.

In London, Mr. Eden saw the
Greek Minister and conveyed the
condolences of the British Gov-
ernment on the death of Dr.
Koritsis.

Death Deplored

The death of the Greek Premier
after a short period in office, in
which he has borne great burden,
is greatly deplored in London.

To him fell the honour of giving
Greece's reply to German intimid-
ation.

His death has been quickly
followed by reorganisation of the
Greek Government under King
George, who will, for the present
preside at Cabinet meetings.

Reports from Athens indicate
the new Cabinet will be a Minis-
try of National Resistance, deter-
mined like its predecessor to fight
for independence and the honour
of Greece until victory is achiev-
ed.—British Wireless.

DR. VAN KLEFFENS' PLANS

"It was Mr. Menzies
(the Australian Premier)
in London who, hearing
we intended to visit the
Netherlands East Indies
expressed the hope that
we would not miss the op-
portunity to visit Australia
as well."

So declared the Netherlands
Foreign Minister, Dr. van Klef-
fens, during his amicable talk with
foreign news agency representa-
tives in Batavia.

Continuing, he gave a message
to the Australian pressman, say-
ing "I am looking forward to this
visit, as Australia and the N.E.I.
have always been good neigh-
bours and I intend to visit, inter-
alia, the Newcastle plants."—Reuter.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Christopher Crofton, Chif-
ford and Pamela, wish to thank
sincerely all friends for their
expressions of sympathy in their
recent sad bereavement.

THE BRITISH Government's statement
on bombing policy (threatening the systema-
tic bombing of Rome if Athens or Cairo is at-
tacked) is generally welcomed in the press,
particularly the assurance that reprisals and
attacks described as reprisals will not deter
the R.A.F. from bombing the enemy capital
or any other keypoint of the Nazi war system.

Also meeting with approval is the state-
ment that Britain will not be induced to divert
the R.A.F. from the present most effective
plans to a less effective war of reprisals.

"The same considered statement
which makes this plain," says the
"Daily Telegraph," "announces an
exception of the highest impor-
tance."

"The Germans have threatened
to bomb Athens and Cairo."
"THIS MENACE IS A FORM
OF TORTURE DESIGNED TO
COMPEL A GREEK SURRENDER
AND MOSLEM SUBMISSION TO
NAZISM BY THE THREAT OF
DESTRUCTION OF THINGS
DEAR TO THE SPIRIT OF EACH
AND THINGS WHICH ARE A
GLORY TO THE WORLD."

"Only the frenzy of savagery
would dream of launching
bombs on the Parthenon. To
prevent, or if prevention prove
impossible, to check such a
heathen brutality, reprisals
are necessary."

The Only Language

"This pledge that one bomb on
Athens or Cairo will be followed
by the systematic bombing of
Rome, is the only language which
he tiger and jackal understand."
"Forewarned of this treachery
Mussolini intends to the Papacy
the world will know whom to
blame if any injury is suffered
by the Vatican."—Reuter.

Relief Expressed

Announcement from 10 Down-
ing Street on the British Gov-
ernment's bombing policy was
warmly welcomed by the press
yesterday morning. The an-
nouncement made it clear that
the R.A.F. will adhere to its
policy of bombing according to
carefully prepared programme
aimed at crippling the enemy war
potential and will not bomb for
purposes of reprisal or retaliation.

At the same time full warning
was given that, as a special case,
the war of reprisals, if it is
not stopped, will be a disaster.
Cairo, Rome would be bombed.

The "Daily Mail" expresses
relief that the British Govern-
ment has not succumbed to the
lure of the German reprisals
campaign, intended to lead them
into a war of reprisals.

The common sense way to bomb,
this newspaper thinks, is to at-
tack centres of supply, manufac-
ture and communication, and it
underlines the fact that Thurs-
day night's R.A.F. Berlin raid was
"according to plan" and in no
sense a reprisal for the Luftwaffe's
Wednesday night raid on London.

The Master Plan

The "Daily Telegraph," approv-
ing the insistence on the fact
that no amount of so-called re-
prisal bombing by the Germans
will deter the R.A.F. from carry-
ing out its scientifically planned
programme, including the raiding
of targets of value to the enemy's
war effort in the German capital
when the master plan required it.

This newspaper, too, praises
Government's intention not to
be induced to "divert the Air
Force from its most effective
plans to a less effective war of
reprisals."

The Warning

Recalling the systematic use of
the Luftwaffe by Hitler to terror-
ise governments by the indiscrimi-
nate slaughter of their civilian
populations and the wholesale
destruction of cities, with their
historic and cultural monuments,
"The Times" regards the object of
the present announcement by the
British Government as "to deter
the enemy from a newly con-
templated crime," adding "everyone
who understands what Athens
and Greece have meant to the
western world will pray, the

warning will prove effective."

The whole press expresses in-
dignation at the foul enemy
machination revealed in the official
declaration, by which an
Italian squadron is being held
ready to drop captured British
bombs upon Vatican City should
a British raid on Rome take place.
—British Wireless.

GERMAN THREATS

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD").
GERMANY HAS REPEATED
THE WARNING THAT REPRIS-
AL RAIDS WILL FOLLOW THE
ATTACK ON BERLIN.

German "planes," it is stated in
Berlin, raided Portsmouth "set-
ting fire to the naval arsenal."
German speedboats, it is further
claimed, sank four armoured
merchantmen off the south of En-
gland and a plane sank another
in the Thames Estuary.—Inter-
national News Service.

BRITAIN GREET'S ALL BERLIN RAID CONTENTEDLY

Out Fear

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

Britain rose in terrible wrath to deal flaming
death in the war's heaviest attack on the heart of
Berlin and defiantly challenged the Nazis to bomb
Athens and Cairo, promising instant retribution on
Rome.

In streets, public houses, hotels, clubs and
docks, long-suffering Britons applied wrath and
righteous indignation over Wednesday's raid which
made London a vast sepulchre of as yet uncount-
ed dead.

British pilots returning
from the terrific Berlin
raid heard with grim de-
light of the Government's
stiffened attitude, though
the Government dis-
claims that the Berlin
bombing was a "reprisal."

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION
TERMS THE GOVERNMENT'S
WARNING OF REPRISALS IF
ATHENS OR CAIRO ARE
BOMBED AS THE "BLUNTEST
WARNING EVER GIVEN THE
AXIS POWERS."

Newly developed bombs and
stirling bombers were used in
the Berlin raid.—International
News Service.

PORTS OCCUPIED

The Japanese are reported to
have occupied Ningpo after land-
ing at Chinghai early yesterday
morning, says Reuter.

Wenchow was also reported to
have been occupied following
simultaneous surprise landings at
several points on the Chekiang
coast.

"This leaves Foochow the sole
treaty port on the China Coast
not yet captured."—Reuter.

Plindus Mountains

Despite heavy rains German
columns entered Thessaly, the
Nazis allege, engaging strong de-
tachments of Australians, "cap-
turing many."

As a result of the operations
in west Macedonia, the Nazis
claim, a wholesale defeat
"amounting to a catastrophe."
They claim the panzer advance
has split the battle front into two
main areas.

Capture of strategic Kalabaka
in west Macedonia is termed im-
minent, opening the road to Tri-
kala.—International News
Service.

Italy's In It!

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD").
Rome claims Italian troops are
approaching Yanina and that the
entire Dalmatian coast has been
occupied.—International News
Service.

USED CAR PRICES JUMP

Development this week
suddenly of a premium
on used cars of light and
medium horse-power,
causing values to rise in
some cases as much as 50
per cent, set rumours in
circulation of a new Gov-
ernment scheme for con-
trol of the import of new
cars.

Suggestion was that no person
with a car less than seven years
old would be permitted to buy a
new one.

Official confirmation of the re-
ports is not available, but it is
gathered that there is a certain
foundation for the rumours, and
that the question of motor-car
vehicle imports is at present the
subject of review, together with a
study affecting other imports.

Luxury Goods To Be Cut

RATIONING AND LIMITA-
TION OF LUXURY GOODS ON
A MUCH BIGGER SCALE THAN
CONTEMPLATED EARLIER IS
UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE
SUBJECT OF OFFICIAL STUDY.

Officially, it was pointed out
that at present no cars or radio
sets for use in the Colony can
be imported from countries
within the sterling bloc without a
permit from the Controller of
Trade, and that no permits are
given for imports from non-
sterling areas.

This situation is now under re-
view, and the Assistant Financial
Secretary stated, proposals already
made are purely provisional.

ENEMY SHIPPING ATTACKED

A number of successful
attacks on enemy ship-
ping and convoys by
Bomber and Coastal Com-
mand aircraft were an-
nounced in an Air Minis-
try communique yester-
day.

Near Heligoland two medium-
sized merchant vessels and an
enemy escort were set on fire so
seriously as to be total losses.

Off the Norwegian coast other
merchant vessels were also hit and
left sinking.

From these operations eight of
our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

NINE DOWNED IN THE NIGHT

Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles
Portal has sent congratulations to
a fighter squadron which brought
down nine Nazi raiders in three
nights. The squadron's total bag
is now over 100 both in day and
night raids.—Reuter.

CRIMINATE "REVENGE
RAIDS" WHICH WILL RAZE
THE CAPITALS OF EUROPE.—
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SER-
VICE.

ITALY DISCLOSES AIMS

Yesterday's Italian press declar-
ed that all minorities in Yugo-
slavia, including Germans and
Italians, should either be given
back to the homeland or should
receive independence.

The Fascist press supports the
formation of an independent,
Catholic Croatia, which would be
a friend of Rome.—Reuter.

FRIDEN CALCULATORS

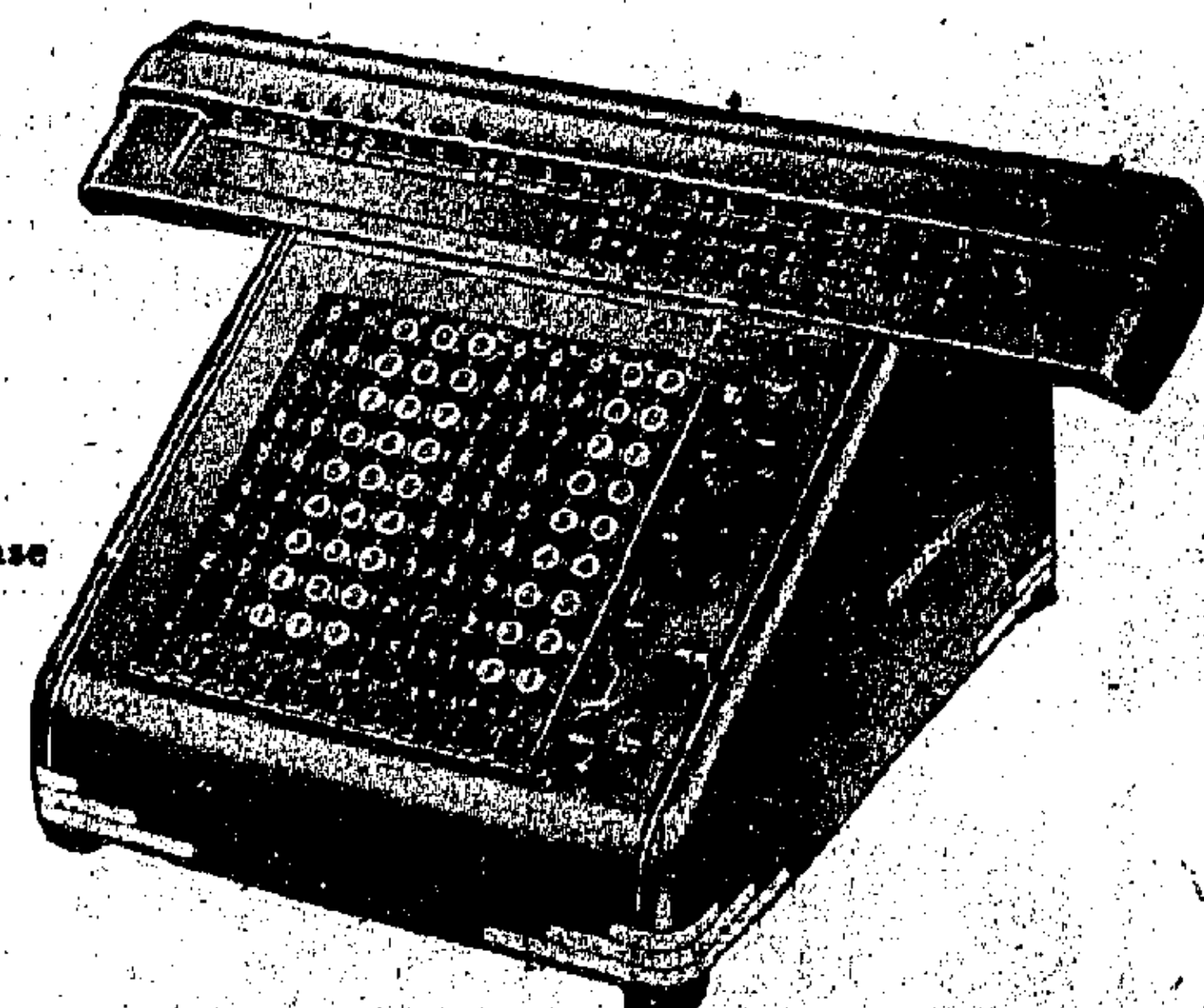
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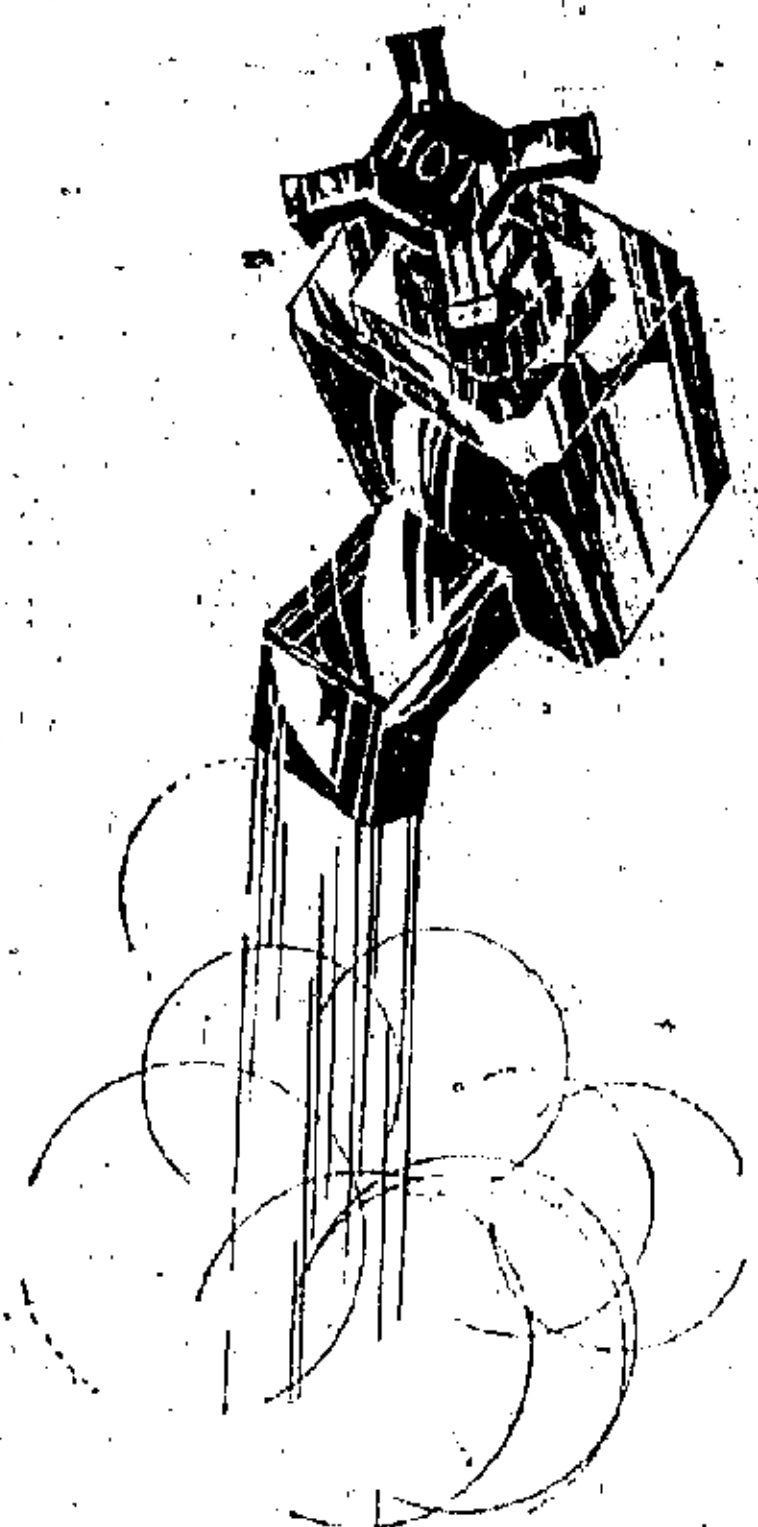
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The Rest of the League defeated South China, First Division Champions by three clear goals in last Monday's exhibition game played at Caroline Hill. At the close of the match the prizes won in the various leagues were distributed by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, a Vice-President of Hong Kong Football Association, who is seen here presenting the Daily Press Cup for the First Division Championship to Lee Wai-tong, captain of South China A.A.



A scene in the South China goalmouth during Monday's exhibition game. Tam Kwan-kon is seen helping Tsang Chung-wan, while others in the picture are Lam Tak-po and Lee Kwok-wai of South China, and Hedy and Hau Ching-to (whites) of the Rest.



Mr. W. Pryde vice-president of the Association, introducing Mrs. M. K. Lo prior to the presentation of the trophies.

Rest Defeat South China

(Photographs by New China News Photo Service)



Lau Hing-choy, Tsang Chung-wan of South China, and Sgt. Frater of the Rest, snapped during the presentation.



Lee Wai-tong, captain of the League Champions, with the bouquet he is about to present to Mrs. M. K. Lo.



The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, vice-president of Hong Kong Football Association, is seen here third from right. On his left are the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, and Mr. O. W. Luke.



Cpl. Edmunds, Royal Air Force captain, receiving the Third Division soccer trophy from Mrs. M. K. Lo.

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You're As Healthy As Your Hair

In this age of once-a-week hair sets, and hair-dos which require a couple of hours (and sometimes a couple of dollars) to prepare for the Big Occasion, you probably have a fellow-feeling for the Zulu women, who take down their hair only on occasions of mourning.

But lustrous tresses are not only a matter of becoming coiffures; they're quite apt to be a matter of diet. Every hunter and trapper judge the condition of animals by the thickness and sleekness of their coats, and know that fur-bearing animals have poor pelts in seasons when there is a scarcity of suitable food.

For exactly the same reasons, if your morning mirror shows stringy locks of hair hanging limp by around your face, don't smug it on your last permanent wave. Maybe you haven't been eating rationally.

Your hair growth and gloss are determined by the amount and quality of the blood which feeds the cells in the bulb, and deep into your head, from which each hair grows. Starve those blood vessels or feed them improperly with too many highly refined and overcooked foods, "delicious" in

Your hair is a good barometer of your health. It's also an important item in your beauty rating.

Keep your hair healthy or —

minerals and vitamins, and your hair will lose both its elasticity and its sheen. If you don't mend your diet ways, it will fall out in alarming quantities, while over-eating, your hair is a good barometer. If you don't like its looks, check up on your general condition. Perhaps you aren't getting enough sleep or exercise or enough fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you're convinced yourself that you are eating and sleeping and exercising properly, there's one more thing to check up on. If you're worried, don't expect your tresses not to show it. Scientists are pretty generally agreed that nobody turns white overnight from fear or anxiety. But suffer a steady dose of painful uncertainty about that job or that beau, and the beautiful locks — which help you keep both — will degenerate into limp, discouraged strands.

However, don't be alarmed if you find a few hairs clinging to your brush and comb, night and morning. Hair grows in a series of recurrences. Each one, if untouched by disease, lives its life to the full, drops off, and is eventually replaced. The average life of a single hair varies from several months to several years, depending upon the care you give it and your general condition.

If you think your hair shedding is excessive, try this simple test, worked out by Pohl-Pincus, the German dermatologist. If your hair is long, on three successive days collect the hair which falls out in the morning and evening combings. Divide them into two groups: hairs more than six inches long, and those that are less. If the short hairs number fewer than one-third of the total number, your shedding is normal. If you have looked hair, the six-inch hair test won't work. But you can separate your cut hairs from the uncut instead. You can tell the difference easily, because cut hair is blunt at the end instead of pointed. If the pointed hairs in your combings number more than one-fifth to one-fourth of the total, then you needn't worry—you're still got a normal growth. When you find your hair thinning along your part,

change your hair-style and with it your parting, because that means some of your hair will be brushed from the opposite direction and the little muscles at the root which keep it alive will be stimulated.

Maybe you're an anti-hat fanatic, who pass "enlis summer" in and summer out without a hat. If so, remember that no tonic yet invented will help you if you dry out the natural oil in your hair by too much exposure to the sun. Sunshine is to hair what salt is to the body: a small amount is necessary for health, but an overdose is dangerous.

Rinsing is an all-important part of the shampoo your hair needs every ten days or so. Most home-washed hair is apt to remain coated with a thin film of soap. If it stays in the hair too long, hair loses its natural oil normally lost in the washing.

By this time you are aware of our concern that you keep natural oil, called sebum, in your hair. It is sebum which gives gloss to your tresses, and no artificial pomade or brilliantine can equal it. But lustre can be acquired, and by the simplest possible means—through the old-fashioned method of a hundred brush strokes night and morning.

Most cosmeticians will tell you that the modern young lady is much too apt to handle her brush gingerly, or not at all, for fear of disturbing her beauty-parlour curls. But if you are patronising a reputable beauty salon, you will find that your artificial wave is put back neatly into place after your daily brushing, and that a gloss results, which, through its lubrication value, makes your hair much easier to manage. Another beauty parlor tip is "or be" is a good question to keep in mind when it comes to brushes and combs. Remember that dandruff is a disease which is easily caught. Brushes should be the exclusive property of their owner, and should be kept in a cloth bag or other receptacle when not in use. They should never be carelessly exposed to accumulate dust and germs.

Don't be afraid to wash your brush at least once a week. Use a good soap and add two or three drops of household ammonia to clean it of grime and oil. If the bristles get soft, stiffen them by dipping them in and out of a solution made by dissolving two ounces of powdered alum in a little warm water, and then rinse the brush as you ordinarily do, in cold water.

If you don't want to break the ends of your hair and abrade your scalp, choose your comb carefully. Remember that the single hair is neither a hollow canal nor has it arteries, nerves, or "feelings." Therefore, neither cutting nor singeing the ends will help it. But it can be split by a broken-toothed comb, which also may injure the scalp itself. Avoid the fine-toothed comb of your grandmother's time, and choose one which has wide-spaced teeth and blunt, rounded ends. Do your massaging with your fingers or your brush, not your comb, else you'll find yourself with an irritated scalp. Finally, if you feel you must use hair dyes, you'll have to rely on the moral integrity of your hair-dresser. Henna, a perfectly harmless vegetable dye, has been used from the time of the pyramids. Tombs of Egyptian women, buried thousands of years ago, contain records listing it among their toilet articles. But there are a number of other dyes on the market which are delightfully harmful, even poisonous. Your hair-dresser will know that difference.

Recently scientists have promised us that the latest new-comer among the ever-growing fam-

ily of vitamins, known as pantothenic acid, may eliminate the curse of gray hair. So far, the so-called "acid of life" has been used only to restore the colour of animal fur. But even if scientific magic enables us to reverse the colour of the hair we had in our youth, nobody has yet discovered a way to keep hair soft, lustrous and abundant, except by taking conscientious care of it.

The women of ancient Egypt gave themselves "permanent waves" by letting the sun bake mud into the hair. First the hair was washed, then wound around sticks, then smeared with mud. They sat in the sun until caked. After that, it was broken off, the sticks were removed, and the hair was combed. — ALICIA HART in the New York World-Telegram.

CHANGE PUFF DAILY

ANY girl and woman who is seriously interested in keeping her skin flawless will see that her powder puff is changed daily in the compact she carries, and that fresh cotton or a new puff is used in the powder jar at home.

If you drag out a soiled puff for powdering in the presence of others your personal daintiness will undoubtedly be questioned, but that is not all. A soiled puff has accumulated waste which your facial pores have discharged, old powder and dust. By using the same puff on your skin again and again, you are forcing impurities into the skin pores and in less time than you realise tiny blemishes, or a skin rash will appear.

To-day the trend is to give your personal powder puff as much attention as any other aid pertinent to your beauty, comfort and daintiness. You take a fresh handkerchief each time you go out, do you not, so why not a fresh puff?

Frequent changing of puffs is not expensive. You may buy quantities of small puffs for little money which may be discarded after use. Or, if you like the savings that come from easy cleansing by washing them in sudsy water, rinsing and drying in the sun. If you own a dozen, you can take a clean one each day and have them laundered regularly just as your gloves and handkerchiefs are laundered regularly.

CHANGE POWDER TOO

It isn't a good idea to fill a compact full of powder and use it until the last grain. Far better for your skin beauty if you put fresh powder into the compact well each day, or every other day. Just enough—no surplus. To-day powder is blended and mixed to match your skin tone. Sometimes it takes several shades of powder shaken together to create for you a flattering colour. These tiny specks of colour can and do sift to the bottom of the compact well (or your powder jar) and frequent shaking is necessary to keep them all nicely blended. Then too as you powder your face, and dip the puff into the powder after taking soil and dust from your skin, you are bound to leave tiny deposits of impurities.

Well made puffs of lamb's wool may be washed time and time again without losing any of their softness. Some of them come in cellophane boxes which are nice to keep so you may put in them the freshly shampooed puffs.

It truly takes to be very sanitary with your aids for skin beauty. And it takes so little. Once you acquire the habit, that there is little excuse for soiled puffs, face cloths, or messy compacts!



Anita Louise, appearing in Columbia's "The Phantom Submarine" makes a pretty model to show fashion's trend toward more lace. Lace for sportswear is film's latest forecast. Marie Miller designed this Palm Springs pajama suit of tan rose lace in a hem-etched square pattern, at left. The cuffed trousers have knife pleating for fullness, and the short sleeved

THE IMPORTANCE OF LACE



jacket makes use of the same pleating treatment. Marie Miller's black lace evening gown at right is used over a flesh net foundation. At the hem, from a low waistline, the skirt billows to fullness and the heart-shaped décolleté is achieved by cutting away the lace and leaving only the sheer foundation. Shoulder strap bands of lace accentuate the puffed sleeve treatment where net is again contrasted with lace in the lower section.

PATRICIA LINDSAY'S COLUMN:-

MILK GIVES BEAUTY

"My nails are so brittle, they break off," a woman confessed to a physician, "what can I do to strengthen them?" The doctor replied, "You have a nutritive deficiency. Dryness of nails like dryness of skin indicates the lack of Vitamin A for one thing. Try drinking more milk, which is especially rich in Vitamin A and see if that doesn't help. A pint a day is not too much."

The woman groaned, "I'll grow as stout if I drink a pint of milk a day!" The doctor then explained that milk is no more fattening than their foods. A glass contains just so many calories. If a woman is counting her calories to remain slim she should substitute two glasses of milk a day for other food. Even a slimming diet should be kept balanced and milk is essential to a balanced slimming diet, though it is rich in Vitamin A. It contains the same water content as fruits and vegetables which are always included in slimming menus. If a woman substitutes two glasses of milk for an extra meat helping or starch she will not have to worry about her silhouette!

Beautifies Otherwise
If a vote were taken as to what constitutes beauty, an attractive smile would be one of the first assets named. And you cannot have an attractive smile without good teeth. Good teeth are more in evidence in recent years, thanks to modern dentistry, oral hygiene and the recognition of the importance of correct diet. Children today are supplied with adequate calcium for bones by milk drink-

ing—a quart a day is prescribed. And unless an adult is allergic to milk he should drink at least a pint of milk every day to help supply his bones and teeth with the calcium they need to keep strong.

Milk Facial

Discoloured or too-dry skin, or one that is freckled, is greatly helped by a weekly bleach masque with a buttermilk base. This makes the skin shades lighter, refines the pores and banishes the more minor blemishes.

First cleanse the face and neck thoroughly with bland soap suds and tepid water, and massage the skin gently to stimulate circulation. Prepare a paste, not too thick, by stirring fine cornmeal or almond meal into buttermilk and spread it over your skin.

When it is partially dry, give your complexion a second application, and a third and forth in stubborn conditions. Let the masque completely dry and remove it with warm water and a soft face cloth.

Then wrap a piece of ice in a soft cloth and quickly rub it over the face and neck.

A BED-TIME STORY FOR CHILDREN:-

Uncle Wiggily Gets Aboard

THERE was Uncle Wiggily hopping as fast as he could after Rangli, the big caribou deer. There was Rangli, plop-plopping his way through the snowy woods. There on Rangli's back were many jolly little animal boys, shouting, laughing and having fun.

"The caribou was riding them to their homes after they had played a sort of cap game in the woods. 'Hi there! Wait! Stop! Wait for me!' called Uncle Wiggily. The jolly little rabbit gentleman was hopping so fast he had no time to twinkle his pink nose. 'I thought this adventure was come to me,' said Uncle Wiggily. 'But, instead of that, I have to chase after it. Whoa! Back up! Give me a ride!' he shouted.

Useful

But the animal boys were making so much noise, neither they nor Rangli could hear the jolly little rabbit gentleman. Rangli was laughing and snorting the way big deer animals do. Rangli laughed when some of the animal boys dropped their caps. With one swoop of his head, he would pick up the caps on his horns. Then he would flip his head back. The caps would fall off his horns into the paws of the animal boys on his back.

The caribou has a very small tail. Most deer have small tails. The tail of Rangli was scarcely larger than the stumpy, little tail of the Bob Cat.

But Uncle Wiggily managed to get a good hold with both paws on the tail of Rangli the caribou. Then Uncle Wiggily tried to pull himself up on the caribou's back. But he couldn't do it. Mr. Longears dangled on the tail of the Caribou like a clock pendulum.

Who is Uncle Wiggily?

"This caribou is certainly a most useful friend," said Uncle Wiggily. "I must catch up to him and ask him to come to my bungalow. He will be very useful helping Nurse Jane pick up things around the bungalow. Hi there! Wait for me!" called Mr. Longears.

But Rangli did not stop. Then Uncle Wiggily decided that if he wanted that adventure he would need to hop faster and catch up to it. So Mr. Longears hopped extra fast. He made a big jump and caught hold of the caribou's tail.

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Feels Odd

For all the fun he was having, riding the animal boys home on his back and for all the noise they made, Rangli felt as if his tail had suddenly grown longer.

"What is the matter with my tail?" he called to Jackie Bow

By Howard R. Garis

Wow who was riding closest to it, in tail position so to speak. "Is anybody hanging on my tail?" asked Rangli.

"Why, yes, Uncle Wiggily is," barked Jackie. The little puppy dog boy was much surprised. So were all the other animal boys. "Who is Uncle Wiggily?" asked the caribou.

At that all the animal boys laughed. They thought every one knew Uncle Wiggily. But Rangli didn't. And when he was told, the caribou laughed in a jolly way and said:

"Pull him aboard off my tail and onto my back!" So Uncle Wiggily was pulled aboard by the animal boys. He was a little out of breath but happy. "I know! I am going to have a most jolly adventure!" said Mr. Longears.

And he did! I shall tell you about it next week. Then the story will be about the surprise for Mrs. Longears. And, hope somebody can stop the raindrops from falling down and splashing themselves every time they get squeezed out of a cloud.



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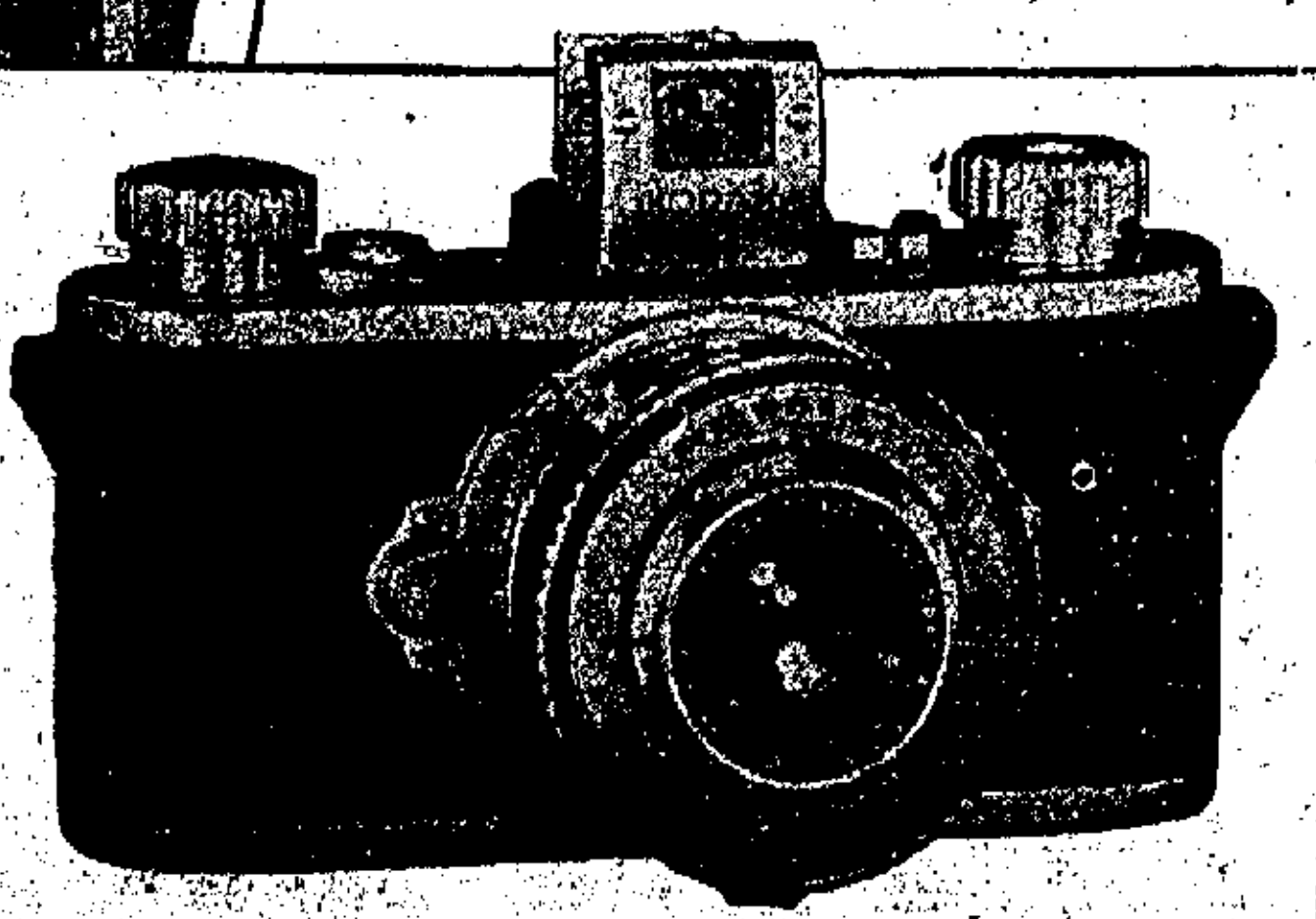
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DANCER ANN MILLER's recipe for relaxing: Lie out straight with no pillow under your head but with three pillows piled up under your feet and legs. Shut your eyes, think about nothing, and in no time you'll feel like a new woman. —Toronto Star Weekly.

Here is a simple beauty hint that will help your skin glow. Make little cheese cloth bags and fill them with raw oatmeal. Use them with warm water, just as you do your face cloth, and then rinse your face in clear water. —Mable Hill Souvaine in Woman's Day.

Pot Shots

Heredity is something a father believes in until his son starts to act like a fool.

When two women suddenly become friendly, it is a sign that some third woman has lost two friends.

All kinds of social knowledge and graces are useful, but one of the best is to be able to yawn with your mouth closed.

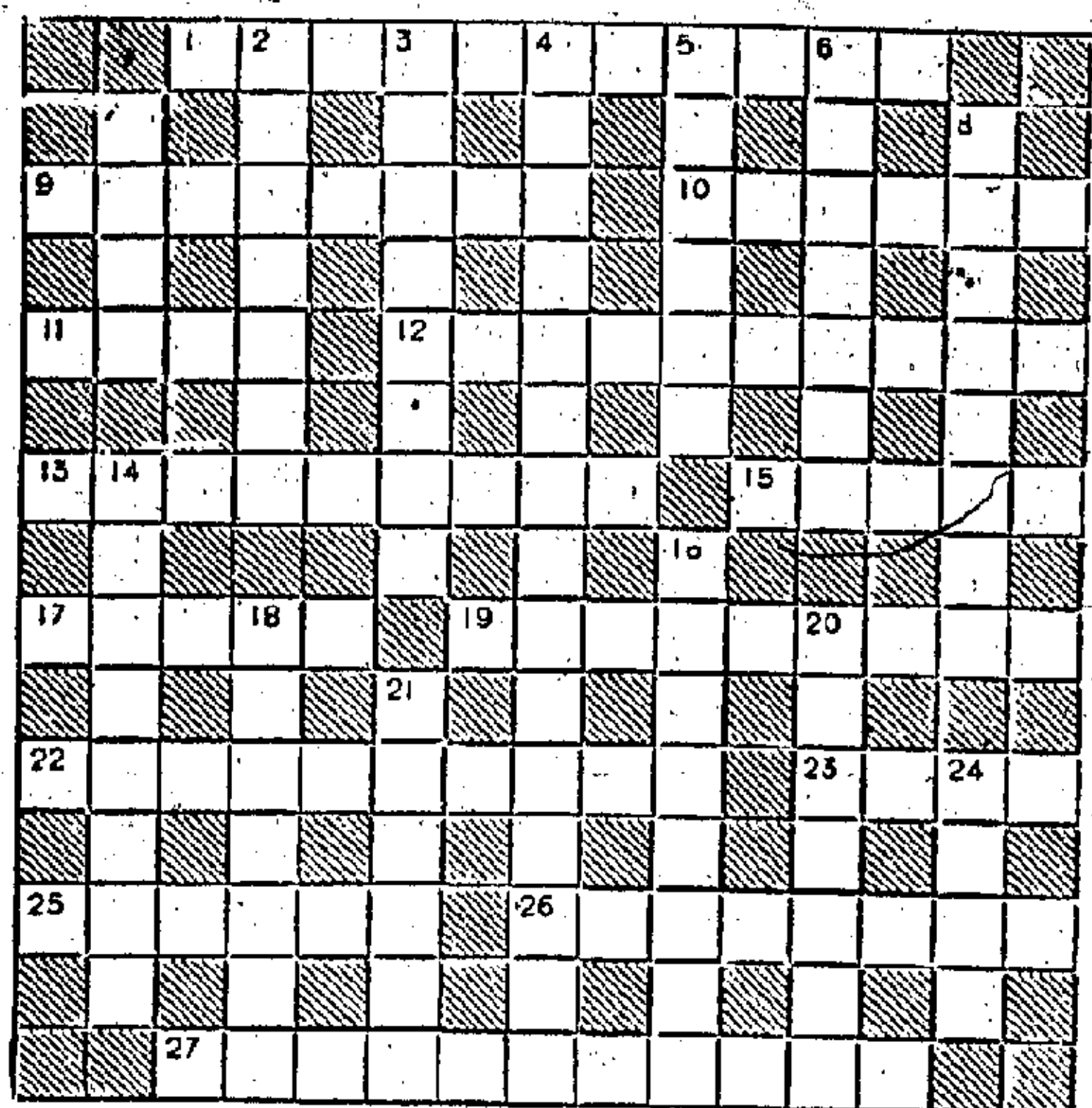
Be warned by the fish. As long as he keeps his mouth shut no harm befalls him.

The Duke of Wellington said after the Battle of Waterloo, "The British were no braver than the French but they were brave five minutes longer." That is morale. —Maclean's, Toronto.



Pat Pasco as she will appear in George Goncharoff's Dance Recital to be given at the Helena May on Wednesday, April 23rd.—D'Asia Studio.

Sunday Cross-Word Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Disputation found at heart (11).
- 9 "A" can make a belted knight (Burns) (6).
- 11 More than heavenly island (4).
- 12 Of speech it is in connected fashion (10).
- 13 The soldier is Roman, not South African (9).
- 15 Quirrel over the coals? (5).
- 17 It is not in the meat ration (5).
- 19 Such disease is deadly (9).
- 22 The last battlefield of all (10).
- 23 Not your exclamation (4).
- 25 Emblematic contrivance (8).
- 26 He is of simple pastoral type (8).
- 27 The quality of sticking at it (11).

DOWN

- 2 Rolling in wealth (7).
- 3 One seldom hears of their mounting the pavement (4-4).
- 4 Completely submerged, pebbles in debt (4 words) (47, 4, 3, 4).

- 5 He has specialised knowledge (6).
- 6 Many a fine one in Lancashire industry (7).
- 7 Your choice of implement (4).
- 8 He was a kitchen drudge (8).
- 14 He works to make things better (8).
- 16 Summit (8).
- 18 Covetous desire (7).
- 20 Of roving disposition (7).
- 21 The retired look for a holiday (6).
- 24 Approximately stingy (4).

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. DISPUTATION
9. A
11. HEAVENLY
12. SPEECH
13. ROMAN
15. COALS
17. MEAT
19. DEADLY
22. BATTLEFIELD
23. EXCLAMATION
25. CONTRIVANCE
26. PASTORAL
27. STICKING

DOWN
2. WEALTH
3. PAVEMENT
4. SUBMERGED
5. SPECIALISED
6. LANCASHIRE
7. IMPLEMENT
8. DRUDGE
14. BETTER
16. SUMMIT
18. DESIRE
20. DISPOSITION
21. HOLIDAY
24. STINGY

Enter The Flight Surgeon

SINCE the war has elevated aviation to a position of prime importance, a new kind of medical specialist has come into its own. He is the Flight Surgeon who is charged with the responsibility of seeing the men to fly, and with keeping them healthy both in the air and on the ground. A few years ago in America there was only one school of aviation medicine and a little over four hundred Flight Surgeons. To-day there are at least four such institutions of learning in the United States and Canada, graduating scores of qualified flying doctors each month.

What type of man makes, life best pilot? How much can the human body endure? What types of "plane construction" are most hygienic? How can a flier be kept "in the pink" mentally and physically, so that the human error in flying can be eliminated? Where is the fine line to be drawn when a pilot can fly or should be "grounded"?

These are some of the questions that the newest of the 20th century specialists must be prepared to answer. To do so, the Flight Surgeon must be more than a doctor; he must combine the duties and callings of many persons. In the words of one Commanding Officer, "He must be a physical trainer, engineer, family doctor, father confessor and philosopher." He must possess a stable, congenial personality, capable of winning the friendship and confidence of the men he is looking after. If possible, he should learn how to fly; by so doing, he not only gains prestige among the birdmen, but he can also share their experiences and talk their lingo.

The requirements of the good Flight Surgeon are so stringent, because more than any other practitioner, he must gain the confidence of his patients. Piloting a modern plane requires almost physical and emotional perfection on the part of the operator. It has been estimated that a pilot who is as much as 15 per cent below perfect form is a menace in the air. A toothache or a full bladder can prove serious distractions. Often, the pilot

may have family trouble, girl worries, or financial difficulties; absent-mindedly, while absorbed in his own problems, he can pull back the mixture control instead of the throttle with disastrous results. Accidents of this nature can be prevented by the good Flight Surgeon.

The pilot should feel free to go to him with personal matters that he would not dream of mentioning to his Commanding Officer. Thus, the most dangerous flier—the one who is just a little bit off and who can conceal it—would be grounded until such a time as his troubles and worries are at an end.

Viewed impersonally, the Flight Surgeon is a very valuable and important personage because he saves his country millions of dollars annually. Every time a pilot or "plane cracks up," a severe dent is made in the war budget. Many crashes are attributable to human error, and it is this factor that the Flight Surgeon is determined to eliminate. For he believes that the best place to eliminate cost or air accidents is in the medical examining room.

The experiences of the 1914-18 war revealed the urgent need for Flight Surgeons in the selection of human material for flying. During the first years of aerial combat, there were no special physical or psychological tests for prospective pilots and no specialists to give them. Very little attention was paid to the effects of aerial navigation on the individual. The results were that at least 80 per cent of the crashes were caused by what is known as "pilot failure." By the end of the war, with the development of a technique of selection, the percentage was reduced to five per cent. To-day "pilot failure" is even less frequent.

It is only natural that the thorough standards developed by the Flight Surgeon should result in greater safety in the air. In the examining room he can ferret out facts that the usual clinical examination does not reveal. The Flight Surgeon comes to know instinctively the type of man that makes the best flyer. Physically, he wants a person "in the pink

of condition with a healthy family history; psychologically, he is looking for a stable, well-balanced temperament with normal instincts.

Having chosen his men, the Flight Surgeon's chief task is keeping them healthy in the air. In these days of stratosphere bombing, one of the most frequent problems he will come in contact with is high altitude flying. At these altitudes, the density of the air decreases, thus leaving less oxygen for the lungs. Robbed of the vital life-giving

whether in the hangar or in the air. He knows, for example, that the "dope" used to make the plane fabric taut and give it tensile strength contains poisonous fumes. He is aware, too, that aviation gasoline contains a volatile lead compound; consequently, any fumes from the exhaust entering the cockpit would be deadly.

The men who fly need the constant surveillance of a medical specialist, for what constitutes good health for ordinary tasks may be hazardous for flying. Sulfanilamide, the new panacea, for example, creates dangers for the flier that are unknown to the general practitioner. British researchers have found that a single dose of this drug decreases the air pilot's ceiling by 5,000 feet. There are two known cases where aviators received a sulfanilamide treatment—one for a cold and the other for gonorrhea—and then crashed when they attempted to navigate their plane at an altitude which normally had little effect on their physical condition.

Flying imposes a great burden on the nervous system. Nobody knows this better than the Flight Surgeon who is always vigilant for signs of mental fatigue among his charges. Flying hours must be rigidly limited to keep the men at their best. He knows that flying is a young man's game, and that at a certain time he will have to ask veteran aviators to withdraw from active aviation and assume less operative positions. He is on the look-out for air-sickness which has a nervous origin. He is keen in spotting the boys that become ill when a transition is made from the training craft to a faster plane. He expects several cases of mental "crack-ups" when a thrilling report of a fellow pilot's mishap reaches the airfield. The Flight Surgeon is the counselor in these cases. He helps the pilot regain his nerve and find himself again.

The Flight Surgeon is here to stay. In civil life he is working with the airline companies; in military life he is making a major contribution towards building up air defenses. Just how many lives he saves per year will never be known for it is an aphorism, need him.

By
Meredith Johnson

qualities of this gas, the pilot would experience a gradual deadening of his faculties which would end in unconsciousness. The work of the Flight Surgeon here is to set the maximum altitude that various pilots can fly in without the use of artificial breathing aids.

Often, in the course of his routine task, the Flight Surgeon helps develop equipment. In the past oxygen was administered to the stratosphere flier by a mouth stem, similar to a pipe, which was connected to the oxygen tank by a rubber hose. This was unsatisfactory because much of the oxygen escaped from the mouth. The mouth stem, too, was a nuisance; it had the habit of slipping out. When it did remain in, it was difficult to talk distinctly on the radio. All these difficulties were recognised and flight surgeons, aided by engineers, have turned out the new oxygen breathing device which resembles the nose-guard used by the football player.

The Flight Surgeon sometimes meets old ailments under new conditions. One of the commonest is aerobolism, caused by the formation of nitrogen bubbles in the body tissues and fluids. It is the 20th century version of diver's palsy, bends, staggers, and a variety of other names under which the same painful disease is known. It is the result of high altitude flying.

Another problem which constantly engages the Flight Surgeon is the effects of high speed on the human system. The straight flier can travel like lightning without danger, protected by a closed cockpit. Bomb-dropping, however, entails certain risks; the aviator who is shooting earthwards and then suddenly "pulls out," creates a centrifugal force which drives the blood from the brain and upper parts of his body into the abdominal and lower regions. He feels that he is being pushed into his seat and that his abdomen is being pressed downwards. His sight grows dimmer, until he experiences a "black-out."

The Flight Surgeon has two alternatives for this type of "black-out." First, he prescribes a wide rubber belt (similar to the inner tube of a tire) which "sets the muscles" to be worn by the aviator to scream at the top of his voice during the rapid descent. This prevents fainting by opening certain tubes in the car which have the effect of equalising the pressure both inside and out.

No hazard of flying is unknown to the Flight Surgeon. He studies problems of wind, heat and ventilation. His suggestions are often incorporated by designers and engineers in the new model planes. He knows all about the noxious gases and fluids that the aviator comes in contact with.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The following hand may prove of some interest to you:

"North, dealer.
"North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
S—Q 10
H—A 5
D—Q 8 3
C—A K J 9 8 6
EAST
S—A K 5 4 S—J 9 7 6 3
H—2 H—J 10 9 8 7 5 4
D—9 7 5 4 2 D—A
C—Q 7 5 C—None

SOUTH
S—8 2
H—K Q 3
D—K J 10 6
C—10 4 3 2

"The bidding:
North 1 club East 1 no-trump West 2 no-trump 3 hearts 3 no-trump Double Pass

"Opening lead, heart deuce.
"After the above hand had been played West loudly expressed his disgust over partner's three heart bid. The partner (myself) merely pointed out that, inasmuch as I had not bid after the opening one club, my three heart bid must surely be taken as a sacrifice. Secondly, I pointed out that the way the cards lay, a four heart contract for our side was 'cold' (certainly). Furthermore, I also suggested that West should not have doubled on my possible minor tricks. And, still further, I pointed out that West made the worst possible lead with the lone heart. Had the proper lead, the spade king, been played, our opponents most likely would have been down two tricks.

"What is your opinion?"
"C.W.S., Canada."

I thoroughly agree that West had no double of three no-trump, particularly since he had no stopper in the club suit, bid over her. I also agree that it is not wise to base penalty doubles on partner's supposed honour tricks, although of course it is no more than logical

that "safety measures destroy the evidence of their safety."

It is the war and its accompanying activity in, flying that has been responsible for the rapid rise of the Flight Surgeon. However, he will only attain his full stature after the war has ceased. In a world that is destined to be more air-minded than ever, he stands trained to serve the vast civil populace that are going to need him.

that partner's bids should be taken into consideration. But, in upholding these two contentions made by East, I am most certainly not approving East's bidding. First, I disagree violently with his thesis that a delayed overcall indicates fewer tricks than an immediate overcall would imply. Indeed, it is my view, and that of the experts of my acquaintance, that the longer a player waits to enter the bidding, the better hand he must have. Considering that his waiting means that the bidding level is increasing all the time, this would seem only reasonable. The fact of the matter is that on this hand East should not have waited. He should have started bidding immediately after the one club opening. Admittedly, his hand was very weak in honour tricks, but he had a terrific freak suit. Furthermore, had the major suits, even as the bidding proceeded, East should not have left in the double. He should have persisted to four hearts. He was not vulnerable, whereas the opponents were. He knew that against no-trump he probably would not take more than one trick, the diamond ace. It was scarcely to be expected, or even hoped for, that West could take four tricks. I grant that East could not expect to make four hearts, but surely he would not have to fear being slaughtered, particularly in view of the vulnerability.

As it happened, the beautiful spade fit he would have found would have made his supposed sacrifice bid an absolute laydown. Of course, if he could have arrived at a spade contract, he would have done even better, but this would have been impossible on the bidding. That is, it would have been outrageous for East to have taken a stab at four spades after the three no-trump double. For all he could tell, he might find West with something like three spades to the queen and excellent diamonds, which would do him no good whatever. Had East overcalled originally with one heart, and then been able to show his spade suit at a reasonable level, of course the final contract would have been in spades.

JEST-A-MINUTE

FASHION NOTE
Women are wearing the same things in business this year.

THE HARD WAY
Bishop: "I suppose you first learned right from wrong at your mother's knee?"

Candidate: "Yes, Mum. My 'No' across my father's."

REFUGE
It was a dramatic moment in the play when, with fiery denunciation, the hard-hearted father was about to thrust his errand daughter out of the house for ever.

"What can I do? Where can I go?" sobbed the girl.

There was a tense silence. Then, amid the sobs, rose the voice of a man in the gallery.

"Come home with me, lass!"

SAFE

They were entertaining the star to lunch, and the guest remarked to the small son of the house: "Don't you ever say prayers before your meals, my child?"

"Oh, no," said the child. "Dad says our cook's pretty reliable."

ALL CLEAR

"Darling, you were awfully late last night. I'm afraid I'm dreadfully old-fashioned, but I should like to know where you go."

"Certainly, mummy. I dined with — oh, well, you don't know him, and we went to several places. I don't suppose you've been to, and finished at a queer little club — I forget its name, but it's in a cellar somewhere in Soho. It's a right, isn't it, mummy?"

"Of course, darling. It's only that I just like to know."

CONCERN

An officer's batman was going on leave. Giving final instructions to his deputy, he handed two bottles of medicine to him with the words: "This bottle is the officer's, and this is for the horse; and whatever you do, don't get 'em mixed, because when I come back you'll stop it if anything's happened to that horse."

TACT

Two men were arguing. "What's the meaning of tact, Jim?" asked one.

Jim wrinkled his forehead. "It's—it's—" he began.

"Well, what is it?"

"Look here, I'll give you an illustration. The other day I went to mend a pipe in a bathroom. When I got inside I saw a woman in the bloomie bath. I gave one look, raised my hat, and said: 'Beg pardon, sir! That's tact.'"

AULD LANG SYNE

The street sweeper was weeping bitterly as he pushed his broom along the curb.

"What is the trouble, my good man?" asked a bystander.

"Sir," said the street sweeper, "there has been an accident here. One of my friends was killed, and I am forced to sweep away the debris."

"Oh, I see," said the bystander. "Just sweeping up an acquaintance."

FAUX PAS

They had been invited to dinner at the house of a prominent local resident. As there was no one to look after little Tommy, it was necessary to take him, too.

The meal started off well enough, but while Tommy was trying to cut the meat on his plate it slipped off on to the floor, and his mother's face flushed.

"Tommy," she whispered tensely, "you must apologise to Mrs. Ayres at once. Get up and say something quickly."

The child slowly picked the meat from the floor and said: "I'm sorry, Mrs. Ayres. It's funny, but the meat always does do that."

TRIFLING

"What did your father die of," the doctor asked a Negro who was being examined for life insurance.

"A don't know, boss," he replied, "but it wasn't nothing serious."

THE OBSTRUCTION

While shopping, Mrs. Jones thought she'd take her husband a little present. The assistant at the men's counter tried to be helpful.

"What about a tie, madam?" he said.

"No; he has a beard."

"A pullover, then?"

"No; it's a long beard."

"I see, madam," said the salesman, smiling. "Do you think a pair of spats would suit?"

FOUND

In many people there exists a desire to establish contact with officials in uniform. So you can understand what prompted a small man on a great liner to approach one of the officers he encountered on deck.

He walked up to the officer importantly and, with subdued excitement, showed him a bright screw he had picked up.

"I've just found this," he said. "I thought you might know where it belongs."

TICKLISH

Jones was confiding to a friend that he found grammar very ticklish.

"For instance," he said, "I never can remember whether to say 'It is I' or 'It is me.'"

"I can give you a good rule," returned his friend. "It is I, and the spider to the fly, and there you are."

A few days later the two men met again, and Jones was asked if the rule had helped.

"Well, it would have," replied Jones, "but for one thing. I couldn't get the idea of a spider to the fly, and I'm sure you can't either."

"It is I," said the spider to the fly, of "It is me," said the spider to the flea."

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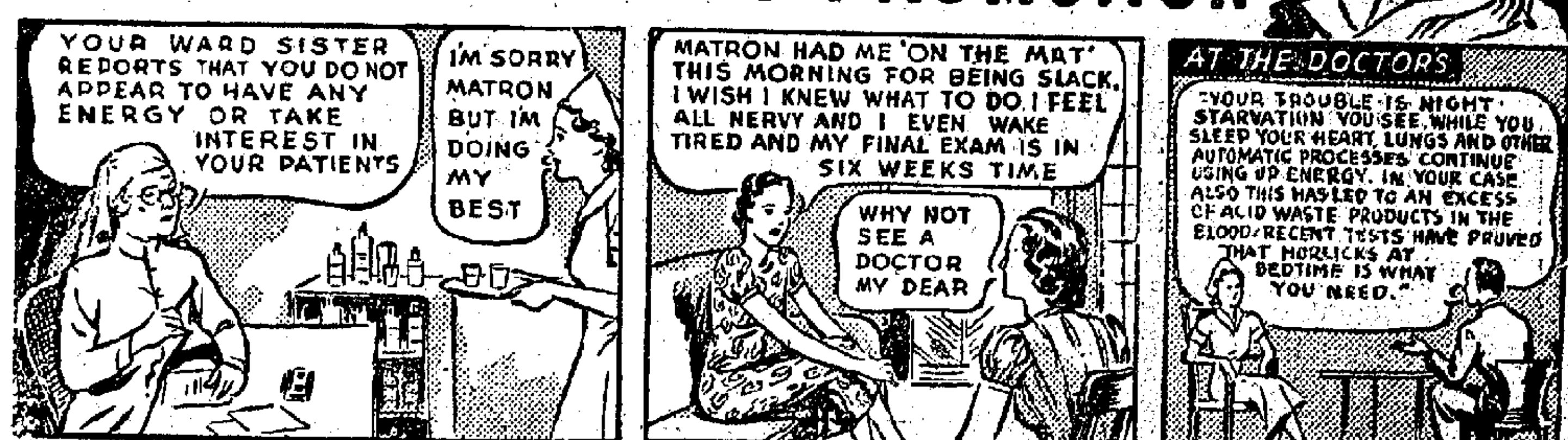
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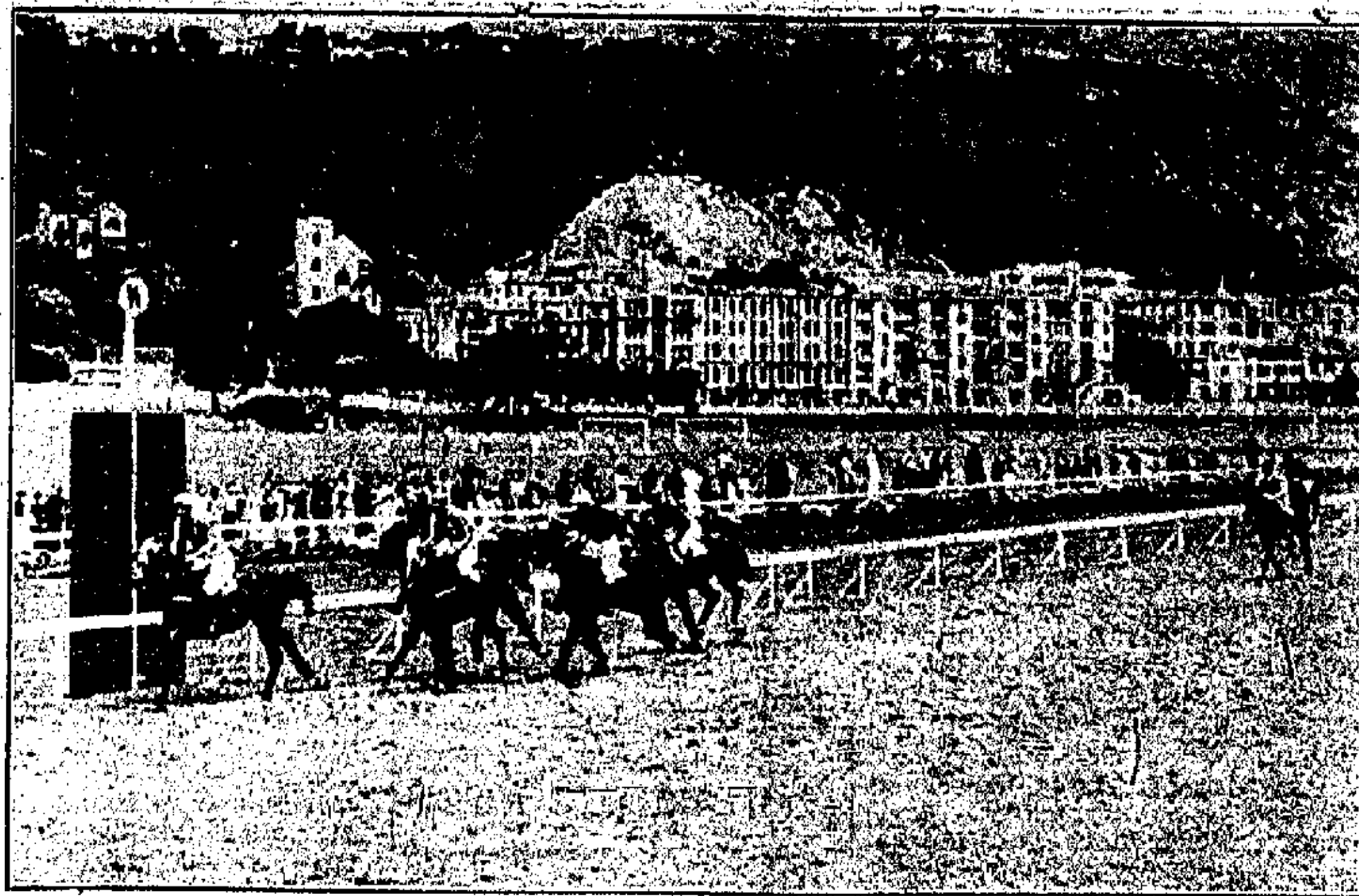
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The T.K.L. stable carried off honours in the Easter Stakes at the Valley on Monday when Oolong (Mr. Needa), winner of the Derby at the Annual Meeting, beat its stablemate, Confusion Bay (Mr. Black) by a head to take first place. One of the three Cire representatives in the race, Polycyllist, (Mr. Liang) was third, a short head behind Confusion Bay. The picture at right shows Mrs. T. K. Li leading in Oolong after the race while Mr. Li may be seen just behind, leading in Confusion Bay. Above is seen the finish of the race; one of the closest seen at the Valley for a long time.



A 1935 China pony griffin, Syvandale, owned by Mr. A. H. Potts, fell, and threw its rider, Mr. G. W. Cooper, during the running of the Taiwan Bay Handicap. (Second Section) at the Valley on the First Day of the Easter Race Meeting. This jockey escaped injury but Syvandale, which is seen in the picture being led back to its box, sustained a fractured pelvis and had to be destroyed the following morning. Seen in the picture are Mrs. Potts, Major K. S. Simpson and Major Frank Hogg.



Royal Engineers' Seven-A-Side rugby team who won the Army competition for the third successive year when they defeated 5th A.A. Royal Artillery "A" in the Final by three goals and three tries (24 points) to nil last Friday.



In the Ling Nan University sports held at Caroline Hill last Thursday week, the French Convent won the 200 metres relay open for Hong Kong girls' schools. The race is shown here in progress with the French Convent team in the foreground.

At left—The concluding stages of the Army Seven-A-Side Rugby tournament was played in typhoon weather as the picture clearly indicates.



Bishop Li Kau Yen photographed at the mass Easter meeting held on Murray parade ground on Easter Monday, under the auspices of the Chinese Methodist Church, Wanchai. (New China News Photo Service)

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NEAR the end of the 18th century, a distinguished statesman had something important to say to the American people. But, like many men of action, he lacked the writer's specialised skill of selecting and arranging words. He sketched out an outline and some rough notes and asked a friend to transform them into a finished speech. The general idea of those of the man who delivered it, the magnificent wording was all Alexander Hamilton's. That speech has never been forgotten. It is Washington's Farewell Address, unquestionably the most important ghostwritten document in all American history.

In Washington was a stammer for passing off "writers' literary composition as his own, so is every business man who signs a letter worded by his secretary; every college president who puts his name to reports actually prepared by members of his faculty; every many authors, whose articles, or books as published, have been virtually rewritten by editors.

The Athenian citizens engaged one Lysias to write speeches adapted to their characters and stations, so that they could convincingly present their claims. Demosthenes prepared orations for the leading politicians of his day. In Rome, Julius Caesar employed a pair of ghosts named Cyprian and Hirtius to write the "Commentaries"; Seneca, in Nero's time, authored his sovereign's orations. Napoleon's ghost was always with him—even on his campaign, just as ghosts to-day accompany contemporary politicians on theirs.

But for all this, it has only been in the last few years that the word "ghostwriter" has become commonplace among newspaper readers, and ghostwriting an established, recognised service business. For the first time, in 1940, the occupation of "ghostwriter" was represented on the reports of the census takers. To-day the heading "Ghostwriters" appears in the classified telephone directories of at least three cities: New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; and a cross reference from Ghostwriters to Writers in at least two others, Chicago and San Francisco.

Well-established ghosts haunt no back rooms, but occupy offices in first class buildings, generally in or near publishing centres. Their advertisements generally read, "Any topic, any purpose, any length—We write it YOU sign it!" and "We write speeches and papers on all subjects, and for all occasions," and appear in reputable newspapers.

No one ghost, of course, is as versatile as these sweeping claims might indicate. Every good ghostwriting agency thus or call from 100 to 300 "Specialists" who prefer cash to credit: Dentists, doctors, lawyers, engineers—al-

most every profession is represented by members who have a talent for putting over one little word after another. The staff of one ghost bureau includes a colonel in the United States Army, an astrologer, a television expert, and an authority on tariffs.

Filed under "Babies," in another, is the name of a young medical student who blushing, when he applied for aspirin listing, said his choice was his specialty.

Names of fairly well-known writers appear, too, sometimes being a ghost for a "big name" can be more profitable than remaining flesh and blood. In addition to the ghost on call, usually two or three regular staff writers are on hand most of the time.

Ordering a ghostwritten piece is like ordering a suit from your tailor or designing your own house with an architect. First you say what you want. It may be as vague an order as "A patriotic speech" or as specific as "A paper on the method of teaching grammar to ninth-grade pupils in the Connecticut schools." Perhaps, like the aviation expert who discovered only two days before he was to address an important trade group that his subject was not to be aeroplanes, but South American relations, about which he knew nothing, you'll need the ghost to supply matter as well as form. On the other hand, you may have a completed manuscript embodying five years of research, no one knows as much as you about your subject, but you may need a ghost to translate your academic verbiage into a book for general reading.

Because of the range in assignments, most ghosts, sensibly, and fairly enough, won't commit themselves to any "standard" rate. You may have to pay as little as a cent and a half, or as much as eight cents. The usual rate, for research, is a dollar an hour. Though there are no money-back, if you are not satisfied, provisos, the ghosts agree to keep ghosting until you are.

Ghostwriting is no structure. Besides sharing the head-breaking drudgery of selection, elimination, arrangement, and rearrangement common to all writing, the satisfactory ghost must cultivate the special, spectral, ability of remaining invisible. He must have a chameleon-like style. The ghost must be made to speak or write as he would speak or write if he had the time—and the ability—to speak or write unaided. Harding's florid, ponderous utterances; Cordell's adept, tight-lipped statements; were products of the same ghost.

Ghostwriters prefer to meet their clients face to face, so that

they can properly size up their manner and vocabulary. Putting a beautiful oration, rhythmical with polysyllables, into the hands of an immigrant farmer who's going to stumble over unfamiliar words; preparing a staccato, thumping masculine article to appear over the signature of a nostalgic, courtly old gentleman, is not good ghosting.

Sometimes, however, with a bureau director acting as middleman, or with orders coming in from as far away as Panama or Hawaii, personal contact is impossible, and ghostwriters try to interpret personalities by their letters. In finished scripts, skilled ghosts are as unapparent as the anonymous craftsmen who turn out automobiles under the names of their manufacturers.

By far the largest group served by the word-manipulating firms are business men, and many of the orders, one bureau says more than half—are for speeches. Ghostly fingers tap typewriter keys for small town merchants addressing Kiwanis clubs, bank

presidents pontificating at the Union League, tycoons receiving honorary degrees, and carpet manufacturers addressing fellow manufacturers at conventions. The life histories and authentic opinions of men whose forte is finance or engineering are written by men whose forte is using words to their maximum effect.

One agency, headed by ghosts who have been practising engineers, editors of engineering journals, and contributors to both general and technical magazines, mentions, in its circulars, among others for whom it has ghosted, the names of John J. Raskob, William C. Durant and Eugene G. Grace.

Even letters are often haunted. When someone wants to write a particularly telling application for a job; when the right kind of sales letter is a matter of business life or death; when an indignant voter, with more conviction than command of language, burns to express himself forcefully to the editor; they can call in skilled literary labour.

Statesmen and politicians invariably look to the ghostwriter, but they rarely use the free lance agencies. Both Republican and the Democratic National Committees have their regular staffs of ghosts. Congressmen employ "clerks" or "secretaries," who, by more than coincidence, are former newspaper or publicity men.

Governments have "Administrative Assistants," "Editorial Assistants," or "Directors of Information." Ghosts by any other name are just as necessary to directors of enterprises involving 130,000,000 people as to directors of corporations.

What makes the exiled member of royalty, retired doctor and baseball player patronise ghostwriters is that each has a unique story to tell but could no more preside at a court function, perform in a ballet, cure tropical fever, or knock a home run. Publishers will tell you that the combination of the "authors" unique experiences and the ghost's skill in describing them makes best sellers.

If, however, you feel that you have an interesting story to give to the world, don't rush for the nearest agency and expect to have it written on the chance that it might be published. Reputable ghostwriters shun work on contingencies; a flat fee down, and a share of the potential royalties, is the usual arrangement on books.

Among professionals, busy doctors, perhaps, are the steadiest users of ghosts; they use them to prepare papers for scientific gatherings as well as for popular medical journals. Lawyers, schooled in the use of words, tend more to do their own writing. As for clergymen, if ghosts depended upon them they (the ghosts, of course) would starve; sermon delivery is an integral part of pastoral training. True, a ministerial writing wrangle is listed in at least one agency file. He has been called upon only when it was necessary to inject a spiritual note into a composition, never to produce a sermon.

Paradoxical among ghostees are professional writers. One ghost does a thriving business in magazine articles signed by authors famous for their novels and short stories. They find it more economical to use hired help than to take time and thought away from their more lucrative fiction writing.

Clubwomen who leave standing orders for monthly book reviews; the millionaire who makes a hobby of going about delivering speeches; the father requesting a two-minute talk to give at his daughter's wedding; and those aunts who frequently order a song in honour of their nephews are the kind of clients known as "vanity trades." It is exceptional and sporadic, not the backbone of the business. Most people pay only for some definite, utilitarian purpose.

Indicative of the real need ghostwriting fills is the fact that ghostwriting agencies prosper even though they lack the advantage of satisfied clients' recommendations to their friends. If you've been ghosted, no matter how well, you're unlikely to tell your friends about "that clever" writer who made my speech a hit.

Ghosts can sin as well as err. Sometimes ghostwriting furthers fraud. Most of us recoil against the spooky manufacture of dissertations, theses and doctors' theses. We don't relish the idea of anyone's giving permission to issue statements under his name, nor of pretending to be a scholar when he hasn't gone through school. According to George Bernard Shaw, "Whether the publication of articles over the signature of Smith when they have been written by Jones is a legitimate proceeding depends on whether Jones has rightly interpreted Smith. If the object is only to pass off Smith as a skilled writer when he is in fact an inarticulate duffer, then the proceeding is a fraud."

Most important ghostwriting, however, is as legitimate as Raphael's using his apprentices to do the actual painting on the murals he planned and supervised and to which he gave his name. How President Roosevelt's speeches are written, for instance, is an open secret. Several people do the research and prepare drafts. The President goes over the manuscripts, eliminates, adds, or rephrases, until the speeches are his own.

Let a ghostwriter abandon his role as a kind of super-amanuensis and scintillate beyond the capacities of his employer, and both of them will be found out. "No ghostwriter," says General Hugh S. Johnson, ever permanently made a political skill purse out of an oratorical sawdust.

Many of the pious proclamations against the use of ghosts come from people who would rather do a hard day's work than write a letter; yet who firmly believe that "anyone can write if he puts his mind to it." The more you realise that ghosting, in the sense of organisation of fluent, telling words, sentences and paragraphs, is to writing in the sense of chirography as expert accounting is to the multiplication table, the more you appreciate the social utility of the asural penmen. By finding out what a person really wants to say, through extractive and interpretative skill, and then by saying it for him well, a ghost helps the public reach its leaders and understand them as well as helps his ghostees reach their audiences.

Using a ghostwriter doesn't mean that you're incapable of organising your thoughts. It may mean that you haven't the hours to give to working out just what words to place where, or it may mean that you have the good sense to recognise that a specialist in word-placing is equipped to do the job better than you. The bigger they are, a ghostwriter told me, "the bigger they are to use ghosts." Men already distinguished in their particular fields are not looking for literary laurels, but for a medium of expression. Professional ghostwriting, at its best, supplies it.

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